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from the General Secretary . . . .

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See your lawyer now about your Will. Consult with him about making a Will, or about bringing your present Will up-to-date. You can save your family much concern, expense and difficulty. Your Will can direct exactly how and to whom you desire your possessions to go. Your Will speaks your heart about your loved ones and about the causes in which you are interested. Consider naming the International Society of Christian Endeavor in your Will. Write to us for a suggested form of bequest. Consult your lawyer about the details.

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You can have at your command the very best in helps, suggestions, ideas galore, resource materials for Christian Endeavor societies. How? By having in your Library A PROGRAM GUIDE for Christian Endeavor Societies for 1958-59. Use either the Senior-Young People's edition written by Paul F. Hurley of Loysville, Pennsylvania, supervising principal of Green Park Union School District, Pennsylvania, past president of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union, and former chairman of the Program Council of the International Society. Or use the Intermediate (Junior High) edition prepared by Jane Reid Cattermole, counselor of young people, Junior Superintendent of Berks County (Pennsylvania) Union, wife of the pastor of Faith Evangelical Congregational Church, Temple, Pennsylvania. Or . . . better . . . use both. Only thirty cents a copy, from the Publishing Department, International Society of Christian Endeavor.

THEY SERVE

Recently two outstanding Christian Endeavorers, whose names have been synonymous with Christian Endeavor in their respective areas, were called to new and responsible positions of leadership in the International Society. Mrs. R. E. LeRiche (Wava, to many) of Seattle, Washington, has been elected to the office of Vice-President in charge of the Pacific Region, including Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington. Dwight M. Goodenough of Fillmore, California, past president of the California Christian Endeavor Union, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the International Society. Again and again we rejoice as God raises up men and women to help strengthen this movement FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

ABOUT CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS

Numbered among those participating in the recent General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, held in Pittsburgh, were Dr. Gene Stone, former General Secretary of the International Society, now minister of the First Presbyterian Church of New Castle, Pennsylvania; Charles E. F. Howe, former Associate General Secretary and Treasurer of the International Society, presently minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale, Illinois; and Miss Christina E. MacAskill, former Executive Secretary of the Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Union.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS IN THE NEWS

Miss Mildred Covington, long-time Christian Endeavor devotee, and for many years Associate Editor of THE LOOKOUT, has retired and is now living in Oklahoma. Christian Endeavor is indebted to her for her kind and generous treatment in the pages of her journal throughout the years. Her influence will long be felt in the lives of young and old alike who have been touched and moved and changed by her writings. . . . An August wedding is planned by Vernon D. Hoffman of Danforth, Illinois, former chairman of the Youth Assembly of International Society. The bride-to-be is Carol V. DeVries of Blue Island, Illinois, a teacher at the Evergreen Park (Illinois) Christian School. . . . Phyllis Rike, the distaff side of the headquarters staff, recently was awarded a plaque for distinguished service, having been chosen by the Illinois Christian Endeavor Union in their program to give recognition to outstanding Christian Endeavor leaders, friends and associates.

Harold Westerhoff

Citizenship Convocation: *"It Was Wonderful!"*

That's the verdict of the 150 delegates who participated

FROM Oregon and Vermont, from Colorado and Ontario, from rural areas and from the city, from many different denominations—more than 150 delegates came to the Citizenship Convocation.

This event, sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor, was held in New York City July 4-6. The Governor Clinton Hotel was headquarters.

Robert C. Ross, citizenship director of International Society, was in charge of the program. The Convocation is a part of Christian Endeavor's current Citizenship Crusade.

From the opening dinner until the closing dedication period, these youth learned much about Christian Citizenship in today's world.

One of the high lights was the visit to Bowery Mission. This gave a first-hand lesson on the effects of alcohol. Delegates wanted to know what Christian youth can do to help. They were anxious to learn how local societies could conduct such a service back home.

After a Quiet Hour service in Herald Square Saturday morning, with Dr. Earle W. Gates bringing the message, the delegates toured United Nations and enjoyed a three-hour yacht trip around Manhattan.

The outstanding message on Saturday evening by Dr. Frank P. Graham was an excellent follow-up to the United Nations visit. Dr. Graham is chairman of the United Nations Indo-Pakistan Commission.

Sunday began with a Quiet Hour service in the hotel. Dr. A. W. Schattschneider brought a very practical meditation on Christian citizenship. Timothy J. Kribs spoke at the morning church service and Dr. Daniel A. Poling presented a real challenge in the closing dedication period Sunday noon.

Convocation Comments

Here are some of the comments which were made by the buzz groups which met on Sunday morning:

. . . we enjoyed fellowship with those from other states and from Canada.

. . . we noted the contrast between the peace which we as Christians can know and the turmoil which faces those who live without Christ.

. . . we received beneficial information to help us be better leaders.

. . . we were challenged by Dr. Graham's message for the necessity of using Christian principles in dealing with other nations.

. . . we learned that Christian citizenship is a personal matter—improving your community, your state, your world depends on *you*.

. . . United Nations is a workshop for world peace. However, it is not the complete answer—God is the answer.

. . . the most important part of Christian citizenship is the first word—*Christian*.

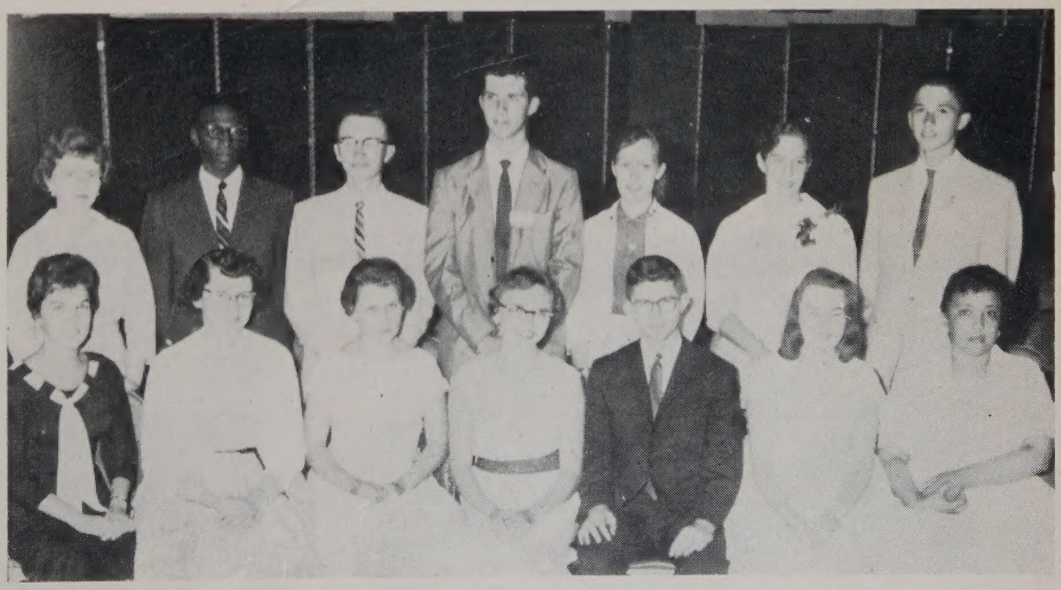
. . . the Convocation emphasized the witness of young people as they take their stand for Christian citizenship in a non-Christian world.

. . . we have had an opportunity to meet leaders and members of other societies and now we go home to give our enthusiasm for Christian citizenship and our faith in Jesus Christ to our communities.

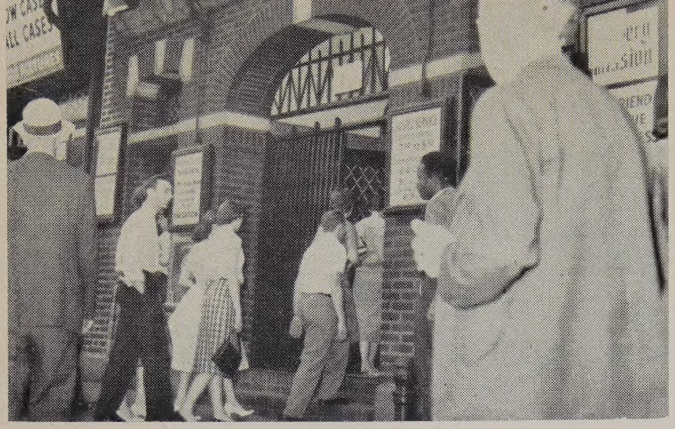
. . . the entire Convocation was an outstanding experience.

. . . the Convocation has been a success and now we are looking forward to Philadelphia 1959.

Convocation Photos by C. John Crockett

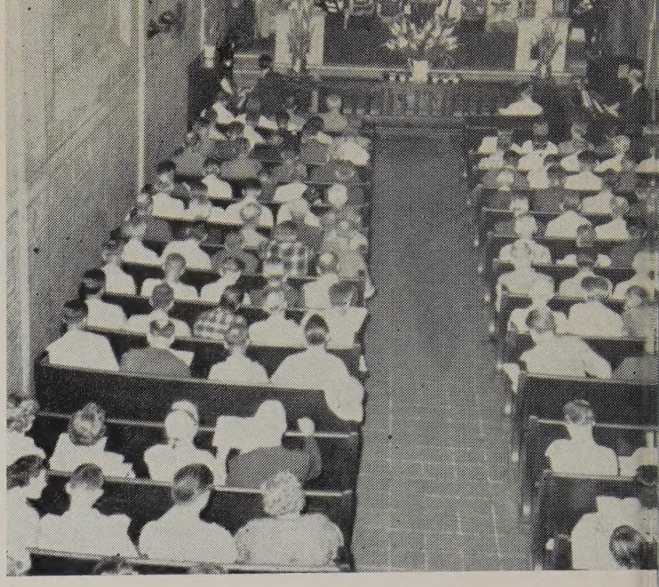


These winners in Christian Endeavor's 1958 Citizenship Contest were present at the Saturday night Citizenship Rally to receive their Albert H. Diebold Awards. They are (left to right): first row—Janet Lile, Shirley Fretz, Nancy Wheeler, Elaine Kozar, Walter Baker, June Kelly, and Wanda Hill; second row—Judy Gano, Ryan Thompson, Jr., George Fleming, Cormac Ryan, Carol Gates, Carol Ruth Brown, and David Dossett.



ABOVE—Convocation delegates enter the Bowery Mission in the heart of New York's "skid row" for evangelistic service on Friday evening.

RIGHT—One hundred men from the Bowery occupied the front rows for the service. Two decisions for Christ were made at the close of the meeting.



Dr. Oscar Bussey (left) of Glasgow, president of the Scottish National Christian Endeavor Union, chats with World's Union President, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, (center) and International Society President, Dr. Earle W. Gates, following Bowery Mission service. Dr. Bussey brought the message at the service.

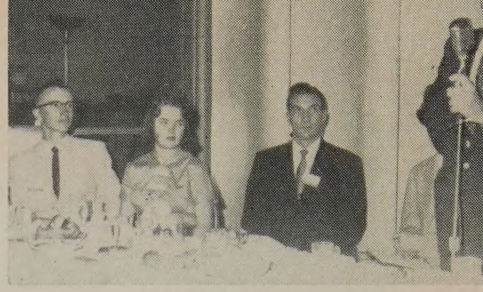
Youth toured the Mission and learned of the work being done, then enjoyed refreshments served by the mission staff.

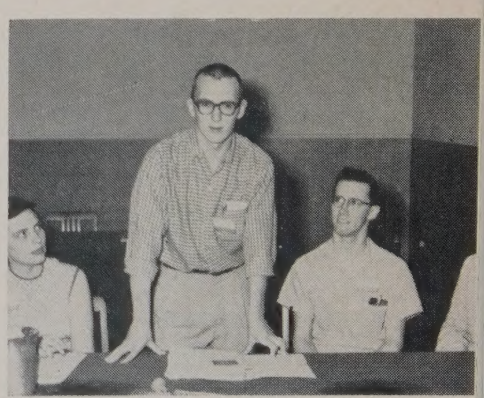
Even President Gates visited the supply table in the hotel lobby! Here Evelyn Purdy hands Dr. Gates materials he has just purchased. Milton Billard and Mae LeCount are also looking over Christian Endeavor supplies.

Song leader Cecil Jeffery directs group as they lift their voices in praise.

LEFT—Mildred Christgau (far left) and her capable corps of worl prepare to register the Convocation delegates as they arrive Hotel Governor Clinton.

BELOW—Everywhere they sang! Here's a group on the subw witnessing for Christ in song.





BOVE—A hymn in Herald Square is led by Cecil A. Jeffery at Saturday morn-g Quiet Hour. Earle W. Gates (far right) brought the message.

)P RIGHT—Citizenship winners George Fleming and June Kelly and Associate esident Timothy J. Kribs (left to right) listen attentively to Quiet Hour mes-ge given by Dr. A. W. Schattschneider on Sunday morning.

GHT—"Draw Me Nearer" was the hymn sung by this quartet at the Sunday orning church service. They are (left to right) Patricia Pugh, Laurie Ausema, arry Holmes, and Robert Markell.

GHT, CENTER—Reporters stand ready to give the findings of their buzz roups at Sunday lunch. They are (left to right) Jane Barkley, Judy Gano, aria Blackburn, Carolyn Hildreth, June McGill, and Cheryl Blackburn. Seated t the head table (left to right) are Harold E. Westerhoff, James Humphreys, r. Daniel A. Poling, Mrs. Poling, and Albert Day. Dr. Poling led the closing edication service. Albert Day was the Convocation pianist.

IGHT—Officers of the Youth Assembly who guided the session on Friday are eft to right) Jean Ferguson, secretary; James Humphreys, chairman; and obert Markell, vice-chairman. Timothy J. Kribs (far right) is advisor.

OTTOM RIGHT—Youth Assembly delegates representing many unions and enominations worked and studied together all day July 4.

ELOW—Walter A. Baker, top winner in Division B in the 1958 Citizenship ontest, receives congratulations from President Earle W. Gates, while Robert . Ross, citizenship director, and Elaine L. Kozar, top winner in Division A, lap enthusiastically. The Albert H. Diebold Awards were presented to all ontest winners at the Saturday evening Citizenship Rally. Walter and Elaine ach received a Certificate of Recognition, an attractive red and silver award mblem, and a check for $200, plus the trip to New York City for the Con-ocation.

Dating Etiquette

II Corinthians 5:8-15

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

*Comments by David Schattschneider**

Aim of the Meeting

1. To discuss some of the things a girl expects of the boy she dates.
2. To discuss some of the things a boy expects of the girl he dates.
3. To discuss some of the things parents expect in regard to dating.
4. To see how our dating etiquette is a reflection of our ideals of Christian behavior and conduct.

Helps for the Leader

1. Have members of your group ready to read the Scripture references at the bottom of page. Use these references to add to the topic discussion.
2. Secure from your minister, advisors, or denominational publishing house a list of books and pamphlets concerned with dating (e.g. *Facts of Life and Love for Teen-Agers,* Evelyn M. Duvall, Association Press.)
3. Have the members invite their parents to this meeting or to a future meeting to discuss parental views on dating etiquette.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master*
Call to Worship
Opening Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Scripture Lesson: Bible readings listed at the bottom of this page
Sentence Prayers
Announcements
Offertory Hymn: *In the Service of the King*
Offertory Prayer
Discussion of Topic
Question and Answer Period
Closing Hymn: *I Am Thine, O Lord*
Silent Meditation

Etiquette

According to Webster "etiquette" is "the forms, manners, and ceremonies established by convention as acceptable or required by society, in a profession, or in official life" or "the rules for such forms, manners and ceremonies." The English word is derived from the French word, "etiquette," which means "ticket, label." In a sense our etiquette is a label that marks us in regard to the degree of respect we show to other persons.

What Girls Expect

Neatness of dress is a necessity for all activities and certainly for successful dating. It doesn't mean the guy has to show up in a starched shirt and tie every time. The thing to remember is that regardless of the type of date, the fellow can and should be dressed neatly.

Despite what some people believe, chivalry is not dead. Little things, like opening the car door, or walking on the curb side, may sound corny, but it's a good way to show respect for the girl and create a favorable impression. An absolute taboo in most teen-age circles is the honking horn routine. The boy should get out of the car and call at the door.

Most girls like a boy who is pleasant, acts natural, is cheerful, has a good sense of humor, is a good sport, is considerate, and dresses neatly. Perhaps the key is "acts natural."

What Boys Expect

Although it's an old trick, a boy does not like to be kept waiting too long when he calls for his date. (Of course, he should arrive on time!) In regard to chivalry, one plea from the boys is "Give us a chance." By waiting until he gets the car door open, the girl shows that she expects such common courtesies.

Most fellows like girls who are feminine, friendly, at ease in social situations and generally a pleasant person to be with. A giggly, silly girl just is not appreciated. A guy likes a girl who is willing to listen as well as carry on an intelligent conversation.

Don't overlook the items of drinking and smoking. We should stick to our Christian beliefs, even in the face of possible ridicule. It has been shown at more than one college fraternity party that the girl who does not drink is actually highly respected by her date because she stood up for her principles. Of course, it's a common courtesy again to be sure that either partner is not offending the other by drinking or smoking. The main thing to remember is that here again we should not allow the emotions of the moment to override our Christian beliefs.

What Parents Expect

Parents are interested in our welfare and their attitudes are formed from a desire to protect us. We must build up confidence in our parents by actions which show them we are becoming more mature.

There are many things which can guide us into a better relationship with our parents. For a guy to blow his horn and for the girl to run out to the car is strictly "out of it"—and understandably so. So too is the practice of having the boy and girl meet at a pre-arranged spot. There is only one way for a boy to call for a girl and that is by going to her home. This satisfies both the demands of etiquette and of the parents, who want to see what kind of a character she is going out with! It is the girl's role to introduce the boy to her parents. The boy should be sure to find out about any curfews and, above all, the curfews must be heeded. Not only is this good etiquette but it gives the boy at least one favorable point in the parents' eyes.

Date Suggestions

First of all, decide the type of date. Many boys and girls beginning to date prefer to double with another couple. This may also be true when a boy dates a girl for the first time. Double dating makes it possible to share a car, and having four people around tends to liven conversation and put everyone at ease. The negative aspect of double dating is brought out when couples of conflicting interests and ideals attempt an evening together. The choice of the other couple is of great importance if a double date is to be a success.

What to do on a date is a difficult problem for some because they fail to look for new activities. In large cities there are art galleries, concerts, museums, exhibits, plays, and countless other activities that interest those with a little more imagination. Don't forget swim parties, bowling parties, and hayrides. Be original.

The couple usually decides in consultation where to go or what to do. Boys, don't try to surprise your date as to your choice of the evening's activity. Things don't get off to a smooth start when Betty is all set to go to an informal party and George shows up planning to take her on a hayride!

Summary

It might be good to plan a second meeting on this topic to discuss further questions connected with dating, such as petting, age difference between boy and girl going steady, cost of dating, dating as preparation for marriage, etc.

Dating etiquette is nothing more than good Christian conduct. The boy and girl expect each other to be courteous, kind and sincere. Parents expect young people to be respectful and considerate. All are expected to act as Christians.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Do you feel that the characteristics discussed are those which boys and girls expect of those they date? Can you add to the list?
2. What are some other ways in which young people and their parents may reach better understanding on the matter of dating etiquette?
3. What influence, if any, would the "moral code" we are taught in church and Sunday school have on the formation of our dating etiquette?
4. How can a young person adhere to his own dating etiquette if his date apparently has none?
5. How have ideas of dating etiquette changed in recent years? Why? How do you think dating etiquette will continue to change? Why? (Ask the adults for some help on this one.)

Bible Passages

M., Sept. 1. Our Bodies, God's Temple. I Corinthians 6:19,20.
T., Sept. 2. Influencing Others. I Corinthians 8:9-13.
W., Sept. 3. Overcoming Temptation. I Corinthians 10:13,14.
T., Sept. 4. Practice the Golden Rule. Luke 6:31.
F., Sept. 5. Reward for Purity. Psalm 24:3-5.
S., Sept. 6. Danger of Lust. Matthew 5:27,28.
Sun., Sept. 7. Topic—Dating Etiquette. II Corinthians 5:8-15.

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No Time for Idleness

Proverbs 19:15; I Corinthians 3:9-14
(Labor Day)

ermediate (12-14 Years) *SEPTEMBER 7*

*mments by Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, Jr.**

omotion

Labor Day advertisements cut from newsers or magazines could be used on a ter. One of the group might dress in rk clothes and hand out an invitation on nday morning.

This meeting might well be one where members are urged to wear their work thes, aprons, overalls, etc.

ojects

This would be a good meeting to begin special work project to help the church, h as cleaning, repairing, etc. Perhaps would also be possible to schedule some its to shut-ins and absentees.

ggested Program Outline

-Prayer Service
elude: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*
ng: *In the Service of the King*
ecial Music: *My Task*
ripture: Proverbs 19:15; I Corinthians 3:9-14
gspiration: Begin with chorus of *Saved to Tell Others.* Have members choose songs or choruses relating to work and our Christian purpose.
ayer: Suggest that each one pray a prayer of one sentence
sson Topic and Discussion (Or get some professional person to speak concerning a Christian and his work.)
osing Hymn: *Rise Up, O Men of God* or *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
nsecration Service
Silent Prayer
Recite Pledge Together
ediction

e Leader Prepares

From the Bible choose individuals who re busy people that God called to do is work.

It is important for a Christian to give ll measure on his job. We cheat our employer and our God if we do less. "Just tting by," laziness or idleness certainly ould not be a good witness. Can you imane Jesus giving less than His best in the rpenter shop?

Read the book, *In His Steps.* Perhaps u can find someone who will give a hallenging review of Charles Shelton's ook, asking the question, "What would sus do?"

God called these busy people to do His ork:

ideon who was a thresher.
oses who was a shepherd.
avid who was a shepherd, errand boy, and who slew the giant.
mos who was a fig gatherer.
amuel who was a servant in God's House.
aniel who was a slave to a king.
aul who was a tent maker.

Matthew who was a tax collector.
Peter and John who were fishermen.
Nehemiah who was a builder.
Luke who was a physician.
Noah who was an ark builder.
Joseph who was a carpenter.

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OUR AIMS

1. To emphasize doing our best at work.
2. To realize that "just getting by" is not enough.
3. To show that good work habits begin while we are young.
4. To point out that God's Word demands urgency.

Life Problems

Betty has a job which keeps her busy all of the time except during permitted resting periods. Is it right for her to read the Bible during the time she should be working?

Jane often is called to baby sit. Her favorite stories are Bible stories. Should she tell them to the children in homes where the parents do not take the children to church?

Paul is a Christian milkman. He believes that all men should know Christ. Should he tell his customers about Jesus while on the job?

Mel has been offered a job. It includes working on the Lord's Day. Should he take the job, since jobs are hard to get, or wait for other jobs without Sunday work?

Jesus was a carpenter's son. Would Jesus do less than His best?

Don is a paper boy. Should he stop in the middle of his route and play ball? He gets paid no extra for leaving the paper in a dry place, or where it will not blow away. Why should he take time to do this?

Discussion and Questions

1. After reading the Scripture explain or tell how the persons involved responded to the call of duty.
   a. Elisha—I Kings 19:20
   b. Peter and Andrew—Matthew 1:18
   c. Peter's mother-in-law—Luke 4:39
   d. Zaccheus—Luke 19:6
   e. Paul—Acts 9:20
   f. Paul and Silas—Acts 16:10
2. Does one have to be a preacher or missionary to serve Christ? Explain.
3. Why should a Christian redeem the time? (Ephesians 5:16)

From God's Word

M., Sept. 1. A Deteriorated Field. Proverbs 24:30,31.
T., Sept. 2. The Slothful Servant. Matthew 25:14-30.
W., Sept. 3. The Folly of Slothfulness. Ecclesiastes 10:10,15,18.
T., Sept. 4. The Ant, an Example. Proverbs 6:6-8.
F., Sept. 5. The Command to Work. II Thessalonians 3:10-13.
S., Sept. 6. While There Is Time. John 9:1-4.
Sun., Sept. 7. Topic—No Time for Idleness. Proverbs 19:15; I Corinthians 3:9-14. (Labor Day)

4. Outline a typical day for a young person, including time to work, time to play, and time to pray.
5. How can we make our organization work for Christ?
6. Give the reason for urgency as related by Christ in John 4:35,36.
7. Isaiah 60:1-7 describes the way of getting awake. The Scripture says "Arise, shine." Find the words of Christ relating to "work" and "shine."

Additional Helps

"Work for the night cometh, when no man can work."

Sow neglect and reap a wasted life.

Sow neglect and reap wages of sin.

"Whatsover a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Read: Luke 14:15-24; Jeremiah 48:10; Matthew 24:12; Joshua 18:3; James 4:17; Luke 12:47.

The Bones Go to Church

Quite often wishbones go to church
And do a lot of wishing,
But if a headache's coming on,
They spend the day a-fishing.

My, how they wish the church would grow;
More go to Sunday school;
The choir show greater interest;
A good sermon were the rule.

Then there are the jawbones
Who always have their say;
They scold, advise, and criticize,
And drive the folks away.

They forget it takes a Sampson
Who knows how to wield this bone,
And without just such an expert,
The jawbones should stay at home.

But, oh, those faithful backbones—
They really do the work;
Pick up the load and carry on;
Not one is known to shirk.

They go to church on Sunday morn
To swing doors open wide,
And then shake hands with all the bones
To welcome them inside.

—Florence D. Wolfe

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, $5 per dozen, $40 per hundred.

Evangelism through Recreation

I Corinthians 3:5-17

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *SEPTEMBER*

*Comments by Vernon Hoffman**

Our Aim

To win others to Christ and the Church through the use of recreation. This topic will explore avenues which Christian Endeavor members may use in an attempt to present the Lord Jesus to those who are apart from Him.

For the Leader

Many writers have stressed the fact that we live in a sin-plagued world with people all around us who are lost and perishing. The result? To most of us, it's old stuff and we have finally rebelled against it. The same old tune has been repeated so often, it's beginning to come out of our ears. We've heard it again and again until we're just plain sick of it.

Leader, is this true of your society? Everyone thinks it's just the same old topic, and no one is really interested in what you have to say? What's the trouble? Why isn't there any interest in the subject?

The answer isn't hard to find. The reason for the lack of interest is that everyone thinks Christianity is a religion either for children in high chairs or for old people in rocking chairs, but certainly not for the mature young person. When He was on earth, Jesus Christ told His followers they must suffer and put up with many things if they wished to be His disciples. People have certainly tried to change and pervert the commands of our Lord, but the commands are still the same. Christ is not satisfied with second-rate service. The rewards are great and every bit worth while, but it is as tough as ever to be a Christian, for Christ demands self-sacrifice from His followers.

Our young people have been told they live in a godless world, but they don't know what this means. In this topic, "Evangelism through Recreation," you as their leader must do two things: tell them what it means, and then challenge them to do something about it.

The Plight of Society

Today's society is in a desperate plight. On every hand people are sick with a spiritual disease. The Bible calls this disease sin. It further states that no one of us is free from this disease. This is a bigger problem than any other problem we must ever face.

It will not do to say we have a very small percentage of sin within us. This may also be said by the cancer victim who claims that only a small percentage of the tissue of his body is cancerous. Yet, if not stopped, that one fraction of one per cent eats, spreads, and deals a deathblow.

So it is with sin. Any sin, if not cured, brings death to its victim. God's Word sees this sin as so serious that nothing less than a new birth can give us everlasting life.

In today's topic, we shall discuss God's cure for sin and how, through our recreation, we may carry to others the story of that cure so they may receive it for themselves.

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PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude
Hymn: **Are Ye Able, Said the Master**
Scripture: I Corinthians 3:5-17
Prayer (Centered on thankfulness for the opportunities God gives us to present the Gospel to those apart from Christ)
Announcements
Offertory Hymn: **Living for Jesus**
Offertory Prayer
Presentation of the Topic
Hymn: **O Jesus, I Have Promised**
Benediction

God's Cure

If we hope to evangelize successfully, we must be carriers of the Gospel, for this is the only cure for sin. This makes it important for us to know exactly what the Gospel message is. Can we make a brief statement of it? In I Corinthians 15:1-3, the Apostle Paul states the essence of the Gospel. Turn to this passage to see how Paul defines this "Good News." This, then, is the core of the message we desire others to accept and receive.

How can we evangelize through our recreation? Remember, we are aiming this recreation at a specific target, evangelization. Let's not fool ourselves at this point. We may have good recreation without evangelism, and this is fine; *but we should call this recreation and should not pretend that it is evangelism.*

Areas of Recreation

Today we are making an effort to see how evangelism can be carried out through recreation. Everyone enjoys recreation of one sort or another. As Christians, we have a grand opportunity to win others for Christ and the Church through recreation. We may roughly classify most of our recreation in two distinct areas: either group recreation, or more individualized recreation for a small, limited number.

First, consider group recreation. Through the fun involved in group recreation, some young person may be brought into society. In planning a recreational even good organization is necessary. Make tain everyone has an opportunity to in the fun and that no one is left out will be wise to give everyone a name so members may become acquainted visitors. It is essential for newcomers feel wanted by the group and "at ho in the society.

An even greater opportunity to e gelize is given in individualized acti in which only two or three people pa ipate. This type of recreation create situation for building those friends which are needed in personal work.

The best way for us to witness to ot is not to stand on a street corner wit sign on our back, shouting to com strangers. We do not witness most fectively to strangers, but to those have come to know us and are frie to us. It is hard to win others to C if first we have not won their confide The successful evangelistic approach is cold and impersonal, but needs to overflowing with a winsome spirit of

Recreation Put to Work

Here are suggestions to help us b to evangelize through individualized reation:

1. Ask God to give us a concern some specific person who is not a C tian. Most Christians who are successf reaching others find their efforts most fective if they concentrate on only or three they wish to win, because o wise their efforts become too hapha Sharply focused attention, aiming at sp ic results, is needed in the work of sonal evangelism.

2. When we are concerned abo particular person, we must do our be win his friendship. Here is where re tion helps. Find some sport we wis enter or watch with our friend. Opp nities are unlimited. Find out what person we wish to win likes and this recreation as we gain a friend.

3. Be willing to make sacrifices. I wish to win a particular person, we have to go out of our way to spend with him. This will require sacrific we forego anticipated pleasures. Are strong enough Christians to obey Ch commands to become a servant of ot

4. The friendships we establish be real and not just an excuse for pre ing to our acquaintances. Be honest, learn to enjoy friends for what they

5. Continue to pray for opportuniti speak a word for Christ to our friend proper situations arise.

Scripture References

M., Sept. 8. Our Purpose. I Corinthians 9:19-22.
T., Sept. 9. Setting Christian Standards. I Corinthians 10:31-33.
W., Sept. 10. Recreation As a Sign of Blessing. Zechariah 8:2-5.
T., Sept. 11. Jesus at a Social Event. Luke 5:29-31.
F., Sept. 12. Recreation in the Home. Luke 15:22-24.
S., Sept. 13. Jesus Enjoyed Social Life. Luke 7:33,34.
Sun., Sept. 14. Topic—Evangelism through Recreation. I Corinthians 3:5-17.

Have you ordered a supply of the new gram Guides for 1958-59 for your use? are full of helpful material to aid your s Available from International Society of tian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Colu 16, Ohio. 30c a copy.

Moving Forward in My Church

No. 1 in a Series: "Moving Forward"

Hebrews 12:1,2

Intermediate (12-14 Years) *SEPTEMBER 14*

*Comments by James Humphreys**

Purpose, Planning, Publicity

1. September is a time of settling down to work. This topic is planned to help you move forward this year in worship, missions, fellowship, witnessing, and service.

2. Meet with your sponsor two weeks before the meeting to make plans for a Backward Meeting; assign parts in the program a week in advance.

3. To advertise the meeting, make a poster with all the words printed backwards (mirror-style).

The Basic Five

This meeting is built on the *workshop plan*, using the five committees: Devotional, Missionary, Social, Membership, and Church Activity. (If you don't have committees, this is a good time to start them by assigning each member to one and letting them choose their chairman and secretary.)

Each committee meets for 15 or 20 minutes to plan ways of moving forward in its area. (An older youth or adult should sit in with each.) Then the ideas are reported to the whole group. The material below can be used as a starter.

The Finish Line: Leader's Talk

1. Begin with a simple object lesson: Hold a piece of cardboard or plywood on a 45° slant and place a block of wood on it. The board represents the Christian life, which leads upward; the block represents us as Christians. Like the block we can't stand still: we either go backward or forward.

2. Now read Philippians 3:10-15. This talks about Paul's "finish line" or goal. Ask, "What goals do we want to reach this year in our society and in our own lives?"

3. Explain the workshop plan outlined above. Ask each committee to begin with sentence prayers.

Worship: Devotional Committee

1. Present the Quiet Hour to the society and try to enroll every member.

2. Distribute Thanksgiving-to-Christmas Bible Reading lists, available free from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.

3. Study Christian symbols or the Order of Worship in your church.

4. Each month choose a "Hymn of the Month," finding out how it was written. Use it during every meeting.

5. Provide daily devotional magazines, or make up and distribute the list of Daily Bible Readings from THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD each month.

Resources: "What Is the Quiet Hour?" (a folder) and Quiet Hour Pledge Cards from International Society.

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BACKWARD MEETING

Benediction
"The Finish Line": Leader's Talk
Workshop and Reports
Offering
Hymns, with Bible Readings:
(Worship) John 4:23,24, **O Worship the King;** (Missions) John 8:12, **Send the Light;** (Fellowship) Galatians 3:26-28, **In Christ There Is No East or West;** (Witnessing) Colossians 3:16,17, **Living for Jesus;** (Service) I Corinthians 15:57,58, **O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee.**
"The Starting Line": Meditation
Silent Prayer
Opening Hymn: **There's a New Day Dawning** (stanzas 3-2-1, followed by refrain)

Missions: Missionary Committee

1. Work with other youth groups on a Hallowe'en "Trick or Treat" for Church World Service or UNICEF.

2. Provide a missionary bulletin board (with news and pictures about your church's missionaries) or a map to show where your denomination's work is centered.

3. Distribute prayer cards to the families of the church, listing areas and missionaries to pray for.

4. Show the excellent full-length film, "The Unfinished Task," produced by the Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) and available from most film libraries.

5. Use the Christian Endeavor missionary topics, September 28, 1958, "The Near East"; and May 31, 1959, "Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors."

Resources: Catalog of Friendship Press materials, from International Society.

Fellowship: Social Committee

1. Have two "greeters" (a boy and a girl) at each meeting to welcome people.

2. Cooperate in Christian athletic programs with other churches, or help start one.

3. Do something together as a society once a month or oftener. Here are a few ideas:

"Splash party" at an indoor pool.

Get-together at someone's home, with games, conversation, refreshments.

Progressive dinner, with one course at each home you visit.

Skating or bowling party, or go to a school sports event together.

Nature hike and cookout.

Hobby night to share special interests.

Work night at the church, with a "reward" of food.

Resources: "The Recreation Committee at Work," from International Society.

Meditations

M., Sept. 8. Be an Example. I Timothy 3:1-15.
T., Sept. 9. Finance. I Corinthians 16:1-4.
W., Sept. 10. Use Gifts. Romans 12:4-13.
T., Sept. 11. Organize. Acts 14:21-28.
F., Sept. 12. Care. Acts 20:28-35.
S., Sept. 13. Jesus Worships. Luke 4:16-22.
Sun., Sept. 14. Topic—Moving Forward in My Church. Hebrews 12:1,2.

Witnessing: Membership Committee

1. Discuss the film-strip, "Gallery of Witnesses," from the Youth Audio-Visual Kit, available from most film libraries.

2. Keep an active file of prospective members, giving each member a card with the name of someone to invite to a meeting or party. If there are no results at first, pass on the card to another person.

3. Urge every member to witness at school by carrying a pocket New Testament and having silent grace before lunch.

4. Show the sound film, "Missionary to Walker's Garage," which can be ordered through a film library.

5. Conduct *visitation evangelism* among other Junior High youth outside the church. Act out typical "visits" in an orientation session.

Resources: "The Membership Committee at Work," and "How to Win Youth" (a folder on visitation evangelism) from International Society.

Service: Church Activity Committee

1. Take a survey in your church to find out what needs to be done. Here are a few possibilities:

Help in the Sunday school or nursery.

Volunteer to help with the church bulletin and other clerical work.

Organize a church lending-library of Christian books and magazines.

Sing in the choir (or help form a Youth Choir).

Repair songbooks and Bibles.

Make an attractive worship center, varying it from month to month.

2. Present the Tenth Legion (fellowship of tithers) to the society.

Resources: "What Is the Tenth Legion?" (a folder) and Tenth Legion Pledge Cards from International Society.

The Starting Line: Meditation

Ask your pastor or sponsor to close the meeting with a short meditation on Hebrews 12:1,2. It should compare life with a race: the finish line represents our goals, the starting line where we are right now. As Christians we can make *today* a fresh start, "forgetting those things which are behind."

The group should then be asked to think about each of the five areas discussed as it relates to their own lives:

1. *Worship* . . . Will I make it the rule of my life to pray and read the Bible every day, and to support the worship of my church?
2. *Missions* . . . Will I give as I can for the spread of the Gospel?
3. *Fellowship* . . . Will I fellowship with Christ's people and promote Christian principles among others?
4. *Witnessing* . . . Will I seek to bring others to Christ?
5. *Service* . . . Will I support the work of my church and take my part in the meetings and other activities of my society?

True Measure of Success

No. 1 in a Series: "Evaluation of Success"

Ephesians 4:11-16

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *SEPTEMBER*

*Comments by Rev. Walter Schaeffer**

Our Aim

To consider the various concepts of success, and through the evaluation of each arrive at a sound and Christian standard by which we may measure our aims and thus determine their true value.

For the Leader

Yours is a great opportunity as well as a heavy responsibility. The ideas that enter our minds when we use the word *"success"* have never been well defined for most of us. In the past few months many have been led to think that unless one follows the field of science, one cannot be successful. It is your opportunity to guide the thinking of the group during the discussion, so that they may arrive at the conclusion that the only real success must inevitably be related to God's will for their lives.

Publicity

Place posters in the church which show the contrast between the man who merely accumulates possessions and the man who wins the hearts of others through service.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master*
Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-16
Sentence Prayers
Hymn: *Christ Is the Answer*
Announcements
Offering
Prayer
Hymn: *God's Way My Way*
Leader's Talk
Discussion of Topic
Closing Hymn: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
Friendship Circle and Benediction

Leader's Preparation

This is the first of two topics on success. In this topic we are to look at the meaning of the word *"success"* as it applies to our personal lives. All of us want to be successful. What does that mean to us? Is a man successful who gets things done? If so, is a man *more* successful if he does more things than some other man?

Can we call a life successful when that life has accumulated enough of this world's goods to be free of concern for the future? Does security enter into our definition of success?

When you have finished discussing this topic you should be able to answer some of the above questions. So that you may think about some of the facts involved, ask different members of the society to tell the stories of the following life situations, each of which has been taken from actual experience. As each situation is told, have the society discuss whether or not the men involved could be considered successful. If so, why? If not, why not? Then discuss some of the questions in the Question Box, which will tend to help you arrive at an agreement on what "success" is.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the definition of success?
2. If we were to follow the same goals and ambitions we now have, would our lives be successful?
3. Does each profession have to set up its own standard for success, or are there standards which apply to any form of human activity?
4. Is there more than one way to determine success in life?
5. What ought we to be willing to pay for success?
6. Can success ever spoil a person?

Farmer

Two brothers and a sister lived together on a farm several miles from the nearest town. Their avowed aim in life was to accumulate $100,000. With this in mind they adopted the latest and best farming methods. The finest and most efficient machines were purchased. Their home was one of the finest in the community. Their barns and other buildings were always kept painted and in good repair. They belonged to no organization of any kind in the community. When community-wide projects were begun, they always found a convenient excuse. When last contacted they were well on their way toward the goal they had set for themselves. Were they successful? If so, in what way? If not, why not?

Businessman

This man had established a private business. Much of his time, however, was spent in helping in various community projects. He was very active in church organizations, especially in youth groups. A number of young people were given individual aid. One young man was provided with a job, guardianship, and home which helped in preventing him from serving a jail sentence. Due to lack of time spent on his business, it has never grown to the size it might have reached. Could you consider this man a success?

Daily Devotional Readings

M., Sept. 15. Success from God. Nehemiah 2:19,20.
T., Sept. 16. Obedience a Requirement. Deuteronomy 29:9-13.
W., Sept. 17. Attentiveness Necessary. I Timothy 4:14-16.
T., Sept. 18. Perseverance Rewarding. Galatians 6:7-9.
F., Sept. 19. Steadfastness Urged. I Corinthians 15:57,58.
S., Sept. 20. Profit and Loss. Matthew 16:24-26.
Sun., Sept. 21. Topic—True Measure of Success. Ephesians 4:11-16.

Minister

A young man had a peculiar gift selling. In his high school years seve businessmen tried to interest him in join their organizations after his education w completed. To all of these he turned deaf ear. His goal was to enter the Chr tian ministry. This he did after a ve difficult struggle in acquiring his educati One businessman who had sought his se ices with no success, remarked, "If he ge into the ministry, he'll probably end up some little country church." This is j where he now is. From his little coun church over a dozen young people ha gone into full-time Christian work. Co you call his life successful?

Teacher

A young man, starting in the teachi profession, decided that his life would successful in proportion to the numb of young people he could teach. Acco ingly he set out to find the job that wo bring him in contact with many you people. He never seemed content with present job, for always he saw anot that would provide him with greater portunities for service. He eventually cupied a very fine position as head of of the largest central schools in his st This position, however, rarely provided h the opportunity of directly contacting students. Was he successful?

Conclusion

Each of the cases mentioned calls tention to the fact that success w achieved in certain areas. However, af discussing these situations and after thi ing on the discussion questions, the co clusion should be reached that achievem in itself may not necessarily produce a s cessful life. God has created a job. He also created a person to do that job. R success is determined by each one find the job God has made for him, and th filling it as best he can, wheresoever takes him, cost what it may.

OUR PEACE

We must not be discouraged
When our road is rough and drear,
For Jesus has the answer—
"Lo, I am always near."
The peace that passes knowledge
Therefore is ours indeed
If we but lean on Jesus,
Our supply of every need.
Our look must be to Heaven,
From where our strength must come,
And where we look for Jesus
To take us to His Home.

—Charles O. Heywo

It's not too early to begin thinking of Ch tian Endeavor Week 1959. Order a packet materials from International Society of Christ Endeavor, 50c each, and make plans for ce brating Christian Endeavor's 78th anniversary

Moving Forward in My Community

No. 2 in a Series: "Moving Forword"

Amos 5:6-15

Intermediate (12-14 Years) *SEPTEMBER 21*

Comments by James Humphreys

Why and How

1. This topic talks about "my community." Its PURPOSE is (1) to show that our homes, our school, and our town or city are *all* communities, and (2) to discover how we can make Christ the center of each of these communities.

2. Plan with your sponsor to make this a Circle Meeting. Arrange the chairs in a circle and adapt the program outline below to meet your needs.

3. Advertise the meeting with a poster. In a large circle at the top print: BE A BIG WHEEL. In a square at the bottom print: DON'T BE A SQUARE. In between add, "Come to the Christian Endeavor Circle Meeting" and details of time and topic.

Circle Meeting

Pre-Prayer Circle
Hymn Circle, with each person (or every two people) around the circle choosing one stanza of a hymn for the group to sing.
Prayer Circle (Sentence Prayers)
Special Music and Offering
Scripture: Amos 5:6-15 (Let each person read a verse in turn, and ask your pastor or sponsor to tell something about Amos and his message as it applies to the community)
Chalk Talk by the Leader
Circular Response
Poem: "I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do.
What I ought to do, God willing, I will do."
Hymn: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master*
Closing Friendship Circle

Chalk Talk by the Leader

1. On a blackboard draw three interlocking circles (something like a pretzel). Label these *home, church, school.* Now draw three larger circles around them, calling these (1) your city or area, (2) your country, (3) the world.

2. Now point out that each of these circles represents a *community* to which we belong. Tonight we want to think about how we can influence our homes, our school, and our local community (mark these A, B, C,) for Christ and the Church.

3. Explain the circular response method outlined below and start in on the six problems.

Circular Response

Use this method for your discussion period. After each problem is stated, the first person on the leader's right is allowed to give his opinion on it. This continues around the circle, with no one permitted to speak out of turn. If there are more than fifteen people in the group, divide into two circles with two leaders.

Below are Circles A, B, C (home, school, local community) with two problems for each to talk over. Use only the ones that fit your situation. State the problem briefly, then ask each question and have the sponsor sum up at the end.

Circle A—My Home

Problem 1: Getting along together

Parents and teen-agers often have different ideas about things like allowances, how late to stay up at night, and when to do homework. Teen-agers sometimes think their parents don't understand them, but probably they don't understand their parents either. This problem is intended to help each Junior High youth think about his own home life—and how he can make Jesus Christ the center of his family circle.

Circular response questions:

1. What things do you and your parents disagree about most? (Write these on the blackboard.)
2. How do you think problems like these can be worked out?

Problem 2: Time for family worship

We see signs in buses and other places that read, "The family that prays together stays together." It's true that Christian families need to find a time for family worship every day. But this is hard to do with the number of activities at school and in other places. And what about the teen-ager who doesn't have a Christian home?

Circular response questions:

1. If your family has daily worship, when do you do it? If not, when do you think would be the best time for your family?
2. How can a Christian whose parents don't go to church witness at home?

Circle B—My School

Problem 1: What about drinking and smoking?

Why do teen-agers start to smoke or drink? The answer is usually that they want to "fit in" or be popular. But even though teen-agers won't usually say so, most of them admire someone who has the courage to be different. Since almost every young person will sooner or later face this problem, this is a good time to talk it over.

Circular response questions:

1. Why do you think teen-agers start to smoke or drink?
2. Do you think it's wrong for a Christian to do either of these? Why or why not? (Get your sponsor's ideas on this too!)
3. What could you do if a friend offered you a cigarette?

Problem 2: How to use leisure time

Should Christian youth take part in social and athletic activities at school or should they organize these through the church? This is an important question today with school events taking up more and more time during the week. We have to consider: the need of Junior High youth for *Christian* fellowship, the need to bring more Christian influence into the school activities, and the doubtful quality of some school recreation.

Circular response questions:

1. Do you think the church or Christian Endeavor should sponsor more social and athletic activities? If so, what kinds?
2. How can we bring a Christian influence into the sports or other activities we take part in at school?

Circle C—My Local Community

Problem 1: Christian citizenship

We can't vote yet, but our parents can. Fall is election time in most places. We know that many people who are eligible to vote don't, and many people who do vote know very little about who or what they are voting for. What can we do about serving our community *now?*

Circular response questions:

1. What do you think we can do to remind people about voting in the elections this fall? (Check when elections are held in your area.)
2. What do you think we might do to serve our community this year as a society or as individuals? (This depends on the type of community you live in.)

Problem 2: Teen-age crime

Several months ago the principal of a junior high school in New York City committed suicide. In this school there had been a wave of very serious crimes. Teen-age crime is a problem in most cities, especially the larger ones. Spend some time on this problem if it applies to your local community.

Circular response questions:

1. Why do you think some teen-agers become delinquents?
2. What good or harm do you think belonging to a gang does, and why?
3. Can we do anything to *prevent* teen-age crime? If so, what?

It's Your Move

1. Sponsor a Forum Meeting for teen-agers and their parents to discuss family problems.

2. Encourage each member to start the practice of grace at meals and, if possible, daily family worship.

3. Secure a qualified speaker or a film on the effects of alcohol.

4. See if your local schools will set aside one week night for church activities, not holding any school events then.

5. Organize a campaign in your church to get out the vote. Plan now to observe "Know Your America Week" in November. Write to International Christian Endeavor headquarters for details.

6. Send for a copy of Christian Endeavor's 1959 Citizenship Contest folder from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

From God's Book

M., Sept. 15. Obligation of Christian Citizens. Mark 12:14-17.
T., Sept. 16. Subjection to Rulers. Romans 13:1-7.
W., Sept. 17. God Above Man. Acts 5:24-29.
T., Sept. 18. How to Treat Strangers. Leviticus 19:33,34.
F., Sept. 19. Christian Fellow Citizens. Ephesians 2:19-22.
S., Sept. 20. Live the Golden Rule. Matthew 7:1-12.
Sun., Sept. 21. Topic—Moving Forward in My Community. Amos 5:6-15.

The Successful Youth Program

No. 2 in a Series: "Evaluation of Success"

Luke 12:22-32

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *SEPTEMBER 28*

Comments by Rev. Walter Schaeffer

Our Aim

To carefully examine the program of our youth group and from this examination decide what goals the organization has and whether or not the program has been satisfying the spiritual needs of the young people.

For the Leader

Perhaps the leader for this meeting should be the president of the group. Let this be a very honest appraisal of what our society has been doing in the past. Examine the way in which it has been organized. Examine the goals toward which we have been working and then decide if these goals are adequate for the group. Determine the part Christ has played in the program. Since we use the name *Christian Endeavor,* let us honestly decide how Christian our activities and goals have been. How much have we been endeavoring to bring these goals to fulfillment?

Preparation

Place several mirrors about the room with the admonition, "Let's take a good look at ourselves." Place cards around the church with questions on them such as, "Where are we going?" or "What have we done?" Perhaps you can word the questions in teen-age slang to attract attention.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
Scripture: Luke 12:22-32
Sentence Prayers
Hymn: *Challenge of the New Day*
Announcements
Offering
Prayer
Hymn: *In the Service of the King*
Leader's Talk
Discussion of Topic
Closing Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Friendship Circle and Benediction

Leader's Preparation

Make a list of activities in which the society has engaged during the past year. Divide them into three groups: recreational, for ourselves, for others. Attempt to find approximately how much time was spent on each of these activities. Then draw a comparison of how much time was spent for fun, how much for our own church and how much for others.

Be sure to remind the society during the course of the meeting of the motto of Christian Endeavor, "For Christ and the Church," as well as the four principles: (1) Confession of Christ; (2) Service for Christ; (3) Loyalty to Christ's Church; and (4) Fellowship with Christ's People. Remind the group that a successful Christian Endeavor society must build its program and activities upon these great ideals.

Introspection

What are the goals of the society? There are some organizations that seem to aim at nothing more than to occupy a few hours of the time of each member. Christian Endeavor first of all is a training school in which young people prepare for greater service in the future. Through the activities in the society program they acquire experience and poise, and through these, sound judgment.

The program of the society, therefore, should be directed toward the development of the spiritual life of the members. It should confront each young person with an opportunity to decide the position he is willing to allow Christ to have in his heart. The program should train young people to express their faith in public and to give reasons for that faith.

The program must then begin to widen out until there is developed a concern for the spiritual welfare of people everywhere. Each member should be enabled to develop some sort of concrete idea regarding the part that each can play in the outreach program of the society, as well as his responsibility of carrying this concern beyond the society into the normal relationship of everyday life. Because of the program of the society, individuals should be made aware that they are not working alone, but are a part of the great company of believers all through the world, which is really Christ's Church.

Reaching the Goal

It is well to plan the work, but we must also work the plan. To this end all Christian Endeavor societies are organized so that the work may be carried out efficiently. Each officer has an important duty to perform. The society program will not serve its members if even one fails in his task. Perhaps the key person in the society is the program chairman. Try to have a dedicated young person in this office. During this meeting allow time for each officer to quietly search his own heart and honestly evaluate the kind of work he has done.

One of the most helpful methods for insuring interesting and helpful meetings each week is a conference of leaders for the preceding month with the program chairman and counselor. At this conference each topic for the coming month is thoroughly examined by all present, with each one contributing suggestions for the development of each meeting.

Have each committee of the society also give an honest estimate of the work each has done. The officers and committees really supply the mechanics by which the goals of the society are reached.

After drawing up the program as well as the methods by which these goals are to be attained, each group should ask if what has been outlined is in harmony with God's Will.

It is God's Will that our lives be useful. Are the goals you have set up adequate? Will they enlist the energies and skills of the members so that each one may live a useful life? Examine the whole program and honestly ask, "Is this God's Will for our society?"

Bring the discussion to a close with a quiet time, in which members of the group call upon Christ for guidance in the activities of the society. In the friendship circle which brings the meeting to a formal close, have each one unite in the first sentence of the Christian Endeavor Pledge, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me do."

Need Help?

Societies needing help in planning and carrying out an effective program should be sure to make maximum use of the many materials published by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

For real help in planning its program for the coming year, each society needs a copy of the 1958-59 *Program Guide,* Senior-Young People's Edition. Packed full of suggestions for program planning and activities, a supply of these guides will give officers and leaders real assistance. Why not have some copies on hand to use with this topic? Only 30c a copy.

Planning the Program of a Christian Endeavor Society is another book which will prove to be very valuable in setting up a successful program. 35c a copy.

A study course on Christian Endeavor Essentials will be a real help to society officers and members. Order a supply of the book, *Christian Endeavor Essentials,* $1 a copy, and arrange for an experienced Christian Endeavorer to be the teacher.

Why not send for the complete Literature and Supplies Catalog and learn of the many other items available to aid Christian Endeavor societies? Write to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Indicate how many copies you can use to good advantage.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Has our program been well organized?
2. Has it met the spiritual, mental, and social needs of the members?
3. What have been the weaknesses of the program?
4. Has the program included interdenominational activity?
5. What activities should be added to make the program better rounded and more suitable for the society?
6. Will the program bring our members into a closer relationship with Christ?

Daily Bible Lessons

M., Sept. 22. Organizing for Work. Nehemiah 4:17-20.
T., Sept. 23. A Noble Commission. Matthew 10:5-15.
W., Sept. 24. A Threefold Goal. Micah 6:6-8.
T., Sept. 25. Work Unitedly. Acts 4:32-35.
F., Sept. 26. The Mind of Christ. Philippians 2:1,2,5.
S., Sept. 27. "Seek the Father's Guidance." Psalm 143:1,8,10.
Sun., Sept. 28. Topic—The Successful Youth Program. Luke 12:22-32.

The Near East

Acts 1:8

termediate (12-14 Years)

SEPTEMBER 28

*Comments by Mrs. George West**

omoting the Meeting

Prepare a large poster with an outline the Near East. Clip current events from wspapers and attach to the country in- ved. In large letters print "LET'S MEET IE ARABS." Add details of your meet- g.

Draw a similar map of this area on very n paper, shading in Palestine as it was Bible times. Replace the bottom of a per box with this map and put a lamp light in the box behind it. This can used effectively during the Closing oments.

A large, full-color map of this area may secured for 75c a copy. Write Inter- tional Society of Christian Endeavor for e Friendship Press catalog listing maps d other resource materials.

ggested Program Outline

e-Prayer Service
pening Hymn: *Jesus Saves*
pening Prayer
ngspiration: *Give of Your Best to the Master; He Lives; I Love to Tell the Story; Living for Jesus; Send the Light; Saved to Tell Others*
nnouncements and Offering
cripture: Acts 1:8; Matthew 13:36-43
opic: The Near East
losing Moments (by Leader): Would God have you be a missionary in the Near East? Would you like to meet the Arabs in person and tell them of Christ? *(Dim lights)* On the lighted map you will see the Palestine of Bible times as it would appear in the Near East of today. This is where Jesus walked and taught. Will *you* walk or teach here?
olo: *I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked*
rayer, ending with Christian Endeavor Benediction

Where Is the Near East?

The Near East (or Middle East, as it is ometimes called) is a crossroads, where hree continents meet—Europe, Africa, and sia.

Many of these lands are referred to as rab countries. They possess dry deserts nd wastelands, but they also include nountains and fruitful valleys.

The three great religions of this area re Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. The nap might be marked with the Cross, the Crescent, and the Star of David to indi- ate the countries where each religion is redominant.

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Followers of Muhammad were once alled Mohammedans, but believers prefer o be known as Muslims. Their religion, oo, is most properly called "Islam." There re almost 370 million Muslims in the vorld today. Most of the Near East is verwhelmingly Muslim.

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AIMS

1. To become acquainted with the Near East and its geographical relationship to Palestine of Bible times.
2. To learn of the spiritual needs of these people so that we may prepare ourselves to help.
3. To learn of the present political situation in the Near East in the light of their culture and way of life.

At the center of the Muslim faith is complete submission of the believer to Allah (the Arabic word for God), who gave the final revelation of his law through Muhammad. Muhammad is considered to be the last in the great succession of prophets, which also includes Abraham, other Old Testament leaders, and Jesus. This law is recorded in the Koran, the holy book of the Muslims. The heart of the Muslim faith is reciting the creed, "There is no God but God, and Muhammad is his prophet."

Countries in the Near East

Iran—Familiar to many as Persia, this is one of the oldest countries in the world. A large part of Iran is desert. Most of the people are poor, although the country possesses some of the world's richest oil reserves. About one-sixth of the population are nomads, ranging the desert with their herds. The typical Iranian, however, is a farmer. Christian mission work centers in hospitals and educational and evangelistic work.

Iraq—Adjoining Iran, this is also an Arab kingdom. The tribal chiefs are called sheiks. These desert Arabs raise camels and spirited Arabian horses. In the last two decades Iraqi women have shed their veils, by their own choice (in other countries such as Turkey and Iran, the veil was out-lawed by legal decree). These people (as in Iran in recent years) are settling in villages and on farms and have learned to use new machinery and methods.

Pakistan—One of the newest countries in the world, its two sections are nine hundred miles apart with India lying in between. Pakistan was created in 1947 when India was divided, with the Muslim-controlled sections becoming Pakistan while the Hindu-controlled areas became the Union of India. Health is a difficult problem, because of a shortage of doctors, nurses, and hospitals. Poverty is ever present. About one out of two hundred is a Christian. The lost are many but few there are to tell of Christ's love for them.

Bible Meditations

M., Sept. 22. For All People. Isaiah 56:6-8.
T., Sept. 23. All the Ends of the World. Psalm 22:25-31.
W., Sept. 24. Ordained As Missionaries. Acts 13:1-5.
T., Sept. 25. Early Missionary Work. Luke 9:1,2,6.
F., Sept. 26. The Sower's Field. Matthew 13:36-43.
S., Sept. 27. The Ministry of Reconciliation. II Corinthians 5:17-21.
Sun., Sept. 28. Topic—The Near East. Acts 1:8.

Turkey—Sometimes we forget that this is a Bible land, but Tarsus, where Paul spent his boyhood, is in modern Turkey, as are other cities he visited—Ephesus, Antioch, and Colossae. At the eastern end of Turkey is Mt. Ararat, the resting place of Noah's Ark. About three-fourths of the 24,000,000 people live in small villages or on farms. Ninety-eight of every one hundred are Muslims. Freedom of religion is permitted but direct evangelism is discouraged. Christian missions have schools, medical work, work with churches, and a publication program.

Syria—An independent Arab country, the people are famous merchants and traders. One out of every eight is a Christian.

Egypt—Almost 6,000 years old, the history of Egypt goes back farther than any other country. This country has been called the "nursery of art and civilization." Without the fertile valleys along the Nile and the yearly floods, all Egypt would be part of the Sahara desert. About seven per cent are members of the Coptic branch of the Christian church, with about 40,000 in the Evangelical churches. The majority are Muslims. Christian leaders are going to small villages where there are no schools and teaching the people to read, giving these new readers simply written accounts of the Gospel story.

Saudi Arabia—Most of Arabia is a dry wasteland. However, some of this desert land is rich with oil. Many areas have never been explored as only people long accustomed to the climate can endure the interior.

Afghanistan—The Durani tribes believe they are descended from King Saul and call themselves Children of Israel. There is no religious freedom and worshippers of any religion other than Islam are threatened.

Lebanon—This is the one country in the Near East where the Christian group is not a small minority of the population. About half of the Lebanese are Christian, the rest Muslim.

Israel and Jordan—Most of the territory now occupied by these two countries was formerly known as Palestine. About 2,000 years ago the Romans conquered Palestine and drove the Jews from the land. Their independence was not established again until 1948. Today Israel's industry is the most advanced in Western Asia. Many of the sites familiar to the Christian are in Jordan, however, including Old Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Bethany, and Jericho. In Israel are Nazareth (where there is a large population of Arab Christians), the Sea of Galilee, and the ruins of Capernaum.

Missionary Activities

Thousands of missionaries are laboring in countries of the Near East today. They do not strive to change the culture of the people but rather to give them hope in their dark, despairing lives and to show them that they are loved by God and that they too may have life abundant and everlasting through His Son Jesus Christ.

Let a Man Examine Himself

I Corinthians 11:23-29
(World-Wide Communion Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *OCTOBER*

*Comments by Rev. Walter Burkholder**

Aims

To make this World-Wide Communion Sunday of real significance to every individual in the society and the church.

To plan a service of consecration that will result in new vitality within the society.

Promotion

Announce well in advance a special service for this very special day. Plan in cooperation with the pastor, for he may wish to include the whole congregation in the service.

Preparation

Use the church sanctuary if you plan to include the communion service. By all means plan every detail with the pastor. If the entire service is to be conducted by candlelight, have candles and candlesticks firmly and safely situated out of reach of inflammable materials and clothing. Place one large candle in the center of the communion table, with others located where needed for illumination during the service.

Introduction

In the Christian Endeavor chapter (Romans 12) we are exhorted to think soberly, not more highly than we ought, but "according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." Paul says to the Corinthians and to us, "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup" (I Corinthians 11:28).

The Examination

This examination does not suggest that we will see how good or how worthy we are to partake of the Lord's Supper, but rather how needy we are. In Matthew 26:26-29 we hear Jesus speak of the bread of the Lord's Supper as His body. Of the wine He says, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

Our need lies in the fact that we "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). To partake unworthily is to be unconscious of our own need of the remission of sins that Christ has provided for us by His supreme sacrifice upon the cross. Our worthiness is not in our own righteousness, but in our recognition of our own personal need and our humbly and repentantly coming to Christ, who can fully supply all our needs.

Unity of Believers Expressed

It is quite appropriate to observe World-Wide Communion Sunday. All over the world men are the same, for "all have sinned" and all need the forgiveness which Jesus Christ alone can provide. In the words of the hymn,

"In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth."

No other single factor of Christian experience brings all Christians into a closer unity than the communion service. All who are in Christ have come by the way of the cross. "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12b).

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SUGGESTED ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude: **Where He Leads Me I Will Follow**
Call to Worship
Invocation
Hymn: **Beneath the Cross of Jesus**
Presentation of the Lesson Thoughts
Meditation
Consecration Communion Service
Benediction

How Partake?

We should receive the bread symbolizing the body of Jesus that was wounded for our transgressions, that was bruised for our iniquities, that bore the chastisement of our peace, and by whose stripes we are healed.

We should receive the wine as symbolizing the very life blood of Jesus of Nazareth, the sinless Son of God, that was poured out as a sacrifice to atone for our sins. This becomes the right discernment of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When one meditates upon the deepest meaning of the act of partaking of the Lord's Supper one can scarcely help turning his gaze inward and asking himself these searching questions, "Am I continuing to crucify my Lord afresh? Do I love Christ with all my heart as I ought to? Do I know that I have passed from death unto life because I love my brethren? Am I trusting in Christ for strength? Am I willing to let Him work through me all the things He would like to have me do?"

Meditation

The leader should read slowly and carefully, pausing after each question:

Is the Lord *my* God?
Do I love Him with *all* my heart?
Do I love Him with *all* my soul?
Do I love Him with *all* my mind?
Do I love Him with *all* my strength?
Do I love my neighbor as much as I love myself?
All my neighbors—white, black, rich, poor, Christian, non-Christian?
Am I being honest with God? My fellowmen? With myself?
Does the salvation of the souls of *all* men give me more concern than anything else?
Am I a faithful witness for the Lord Jesus Christ?
Do I live constantly in the awareness that Christ liveth in me?

For the Quiet Hour

M., Sept. 29. Self-Examination Leads to Revival. Lamentations 3:40,41.
T., Sept. 30. Self-Examination Prevents Judging Others. Matthew 7:1-5.
W., Oct. 1. Prove Yourself. II Corinthians 13:5-9.
T., Oct. 2. Self-Examination and Responsibility. Galatians 6:3-5.
F., Oct. 3. Escaping Judgement. I Corinthians 11:31,32.
S., Oct. 4. Judge by the Word. James 1:22-25.
Sun., Oct. 5. Topic—Let a Man Examine Himself. I Corinthians 11:23-29. (World-Wide Communion Sunday)

Consecration Communion Service

(Organist or pianist plays softly, Just I Am.)

Leader: Now let us lift our hearts in prayer of confession, remembering the "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

(Pause until hymn has been played at least two times.)

Leader: Let us pray the prayer of repentance, "Lord, be merciful to me a sinner." *(Pause)* Lord, I accept thee as my Saviour, my Lord, my Master. Lord, I claim Thy promise that him that comes unto Thee Thou wilt in no wise cast out (John 6:37). Just as I am, O Lord, I come. *(Pause again until hymn has been played the second time.)*

(Continue to play softly, Have Thine Own Way.)

Leader: Let us now pray the prayer of consecration, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" "Not my will but thine be done." "I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord, I'll be what You want me to be." All of me for always, Lord. *(Pause until hymn has been played through the second time.)*

(Continue to play softly, With Thy Spirit Fill Me.)

Leader: We need the Holy Spirit to empower our lives. Jesus has assured us, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" (Luke 11:13). Lord, give us Thy Holy Spirit that we may be filled with all Thy fullness, and that we may have power to live and witness for Thee. *(Pause)*

(Have group stand and sing softly Together *the first stanza of* My Jesus, I Love Thee. *As music continues have group come and kneel in semi-circle around front of room or the altar, if in the sanctuary. Have the communion elements distributed and held. The minister then reads I Corinthians 11:23-28 as the elements are taken, following with a prayer of blessing. As communicants rise give each a candle to light at the large candle on center of communion table or center of altar. At this time the lights in the room should be dimmed. Each one, carrying his lighted candle, takes his place in a circle around the room or a portion of the room. Sing the remaining stanzas of the communion hymn,* My Jesus, I Love Thee. *Hold candles high as a symbol of purpose and consecration close service with Christian Endeavor Pledge in unison.)*

Christ—My Life

No. 1 in a Series: "Christ—My All"

Philippians 1:18-24

Intermediate (12-14 Years) *OCTOBER 5*

*Comments by Charles O. Heyward**

Purpose of the Meeting

To bring a greater knowledge to each Intermediate of what the life in Christ—the Christian life—really is, and to bring changes in each life as a result of that knowledge.

For the Leader

In this meeting, and in the three to follow, the society will be making a study of a book of the Bible. "Digging into" God's Word is a wonderful experience, and should create a new interest in Bible study on the part of each member!

Urge each one to bring his Bible to the meeting. Perhaps this might be the time for everyone to begin a regular custom of carrying his Bible to the Sunday evening meeting.

For publicity, a poster featuring the question, "What is Life?" can be used, adding the words, "For the answer, come to Christian Endeavor at ——P. M., October 5."

Try to avoid having material read in the meeting. Give opportunity to each one who has a part to become familiar with his material beforehand. Be sure and announce the monthly Consecration service in advance so that each member will be ready with a testimony or Scripture verse.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Opening Scripture: I John 5:11,12
Hymns: *Since Jesus Came into My Heart, I Need Jesus*
Scripture: Philippians 1:18-24.
Sentence Prayers (Encourage everyone to take part. Ask for prayer requests.)
Announcements by the President
Offering
Hymn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
Leader's Talk
Discussion
Consecration Hymn: *I Am Thine, O Lord*
Prayer by President or Counsellor
Roll Call
Reciting of Pledge in unison
Chorus: *Spirit of the Living God*
Benediction

Leader's Talk

This evening we are beginning a study of a letter which God inspired Paul to write to the Christians at Philippi while he was a prisoner in Rome. The first verse tells us that it was written "to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons." Paul used the word *saint* in his letters instead of *Christian* because at that time the term *Christian* was often used in ridicule. As we read this letter we soon realize that God was addressing this letter through Paul, not only to the Philippian Christians but to all Christians down through the centuries,

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POEM

I keep in touch with Jesus
And He keeps in touch with me;
And so we walk together in perfect harmony.
There's not a day that passes,
There's not an hour goes by,
But that we have sweet fellowship,
My precious Lord and I.

—Source Unknown

including us in this meeting. We might say that this is one of God's "love letters" to His beloved children, so let us hear what He has to say. We shall now hear about the verses in this evening's portion of the letter.

Talk 1

Beginning with verse 12, Paul has been telling how his imprisonment has resulted in a greater spread of the Gospel. He had become known throughout Caesar's court by means of the various soldiers assigned to guard him. His friends had become bolder to preach Christ because of his imprisonment, and even his enemies were talking about Christ, though not for the purpose of honoring Him. In verses 18 and 19 Paul tells of his joy because Christ is being preached, and says that he knows that through his friends' prayers and the help of Christ's Spirit, will come his salvation from prison. Today, we also should rejoice whenever we hear Christ being preached, for we know that the world is being reminded again of the only One who can bring salvation, peace and joy to lives that are empty without Christ.

Talk 2

In verse 20 Paul tells us that he is not even ashamed of being a prisoner, because it is for the sake of Jesus Christ, and that even as a prisoner he can be the means by which Christ is magnified, or honored, before men. This is a challenge for us as young people today, because most people have no way of seeing Jesus except through us. Will we be "microscopes" for Christ, magnifying Him through our lives as Paul did? Or will we hinder others from seeing Him more clearly by being poor examples of a Christian?

Talk 3

Verse 21 is the key verse of Philippians. We must remember that Paul was in the miserable surroundings of a prison when he wrote this, but he is telling us that the Christian life is not what is going on *around* us but it is what is going on *within* us. As we heard in the opening Scripture this evening (I John 5:11,12), the source of real life is the Son of God. If we have Him in our hearts we have life, but if we do not have Him we are spiritually dead. Because Christ alone can bring eternal life into our hearts, and along with it peace and joy, He alone can make our physical lives worth living. When our physical lives end, we can say, "To die is gain," because we go to be with Him. Let us all be sure this evening that we have real life—eternal life—because we have Christ in our hearts.

Talk 4

In verses 22 and 23 Paul tells of his problem—not knowing whether to continue to bear fruit for the Lord in this life or to depart and be with Him, "which is far better." Paul knew the Lord so well and loved Him so much that he longed to be with Him in heaven. But if the Lord still had work for him to do on earth, then Paul wanted to do His will and remain here. As young people, we would rather be spared to live and serve Christ for many years to come, but if we know Him as our Saviour, we should remember that when this life does end, it means "to depart and be with Christ, which is far better."

Talk 5

In verse 24 Paul gives his reason for desiring to remain longer in this life—the church needed his help. Paul's big interest was always the needs of others. He was a changed man since the days when he was Saul, treating cruelly the very ones whom he was now so anxious to help (Acts 9:1). The secret was that he had found life—in Jesus Christ. *(Read Galatians 2:20.)*

For Further Discussion

1. What is the great lesson for us today in this passage from Philippians?

When Christ dwells within me He becomes my life. Conditions around me may become unpleasant, but when He is in my heart, my outlook and my reactions are different than they used to be. He brings calmness and patience, He takes away worry, and because He is within He gives me assurance of salvation.

2. Will these things always be true?

Christ will never dominate my life by force. Though He dwells within, I must still let Him have His way. It must be my way or His; it cannot be both. If I am disobedient to Him and want my own way, then the life that I have in Him will not shine out to others.

3. What will cause Christ's life in me to show itself to others?

Spending time with Him each day. If I love someone I will want to be with him often and to please him. That should be even more true with my Saviour. I should prayerfully read from His Word every day and pray to Him often. Then I shall have a desire to please Him in my life, and others will see Him in me.

Daily Readings

M., Sept. 29. Living unto God. Galatians 2:19,20.
T., Sept. 30. Christ Indwells by Faith. Ephesians 3:17-19.
W., Oct. 1. Possible to All. Revelations 3:19-21.
T., Oct. 2. A Glorious Mystery. Colossians 1:25-29.
F., Oct. 3. Dead—Alive. Romans 6:3-11.
S., Oct. 4. We Are the Lord's. Romans 14:7-9.
Sun., Oct. 5. Topic—Christ—My Life. Philippians 1:18-24.

The Near East

Acts 1:8

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *OCTOBER 12*

*Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart**

Considerations for the Leader

The area covered by this topic is called by some the Near East and by others the Middle East. Newspapers, radio, and television often refer to it as the Arab East or the Arab World. It includes the restless lands of North Africa and the fringe countries of Turkey, Iran, and West Pakistan; it is a vast and varied region extending from the Strait of Gibralter on the west to the highlands of Afghanistan on the east and from the Black Sea on the north to the jungles of Africa on the south. It is an area twice as large as the United States.

Resource materials for this study may be secured from International Society of Christian Endeavor. Write for the free Friendship Press catalog listing books, study guides, maps, filmstrips, etc.

Publicity

Secure a world map and pinpoint the places that will be discussed. Place this on the bulletin board. Mimeograph a map of the Near East and place on it your invitation for this meeting.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *In Christ There Is No East or West*
Silent Meditation
Duet: *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*
Scripture: Isaiah 52
Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *Send the Light*
Leader's Topic Presentation
Speakers 1, 2, and 3
The Life Problem
Leader's Summary
Hymn: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

Now and again the Near East takes the spotlight in the news of the world. Long dormant, these nations are now remolding their part of the earth. The patterns they cast may change the shape of history.

Several years ago we held some strange ideas concerning the Near East. We thought of white-gowned men, veiled women, curved daggers, and overcrowded harems.

Things have changed immensely. Television and radio, newspapers and magazines carry news of the area into millions of homes every day. Through World War II and the Korean War we know that our interest extends beyond our own shores. A flare-up in the Middle East is likely to have a direct bearing on our lives.

Variety in the Near East

This area includes a variety in many ways. There are lonely desert tribes and busy city dwellers. The countries include burning deserts and rich, black farmland; icy waterfalls and mud-filled, meandering streams; snow-capped mountains and parched and monotonous plains. Temperatures range from 140 degrees in the shade to well below zero. Rainfall varies from practically no rain at all to more than thirty-five inches a year.

Agriculture is the livelihood of 75 to 85 per cent of the population. In many areas life is a constant struggle against starvation. The land farmed as well as the village itself may be owned by a landlord. This often works a terrible hardship on the farmer and his children. Sometimes the farmer works as a day laborer. For a day's work in the field he might receive about 40 cents in our money.

Most of the village people are very poor. Millions are illiterate; in nearly three-quarters of the countries of the Middle East the people who cannot read or write make up 80 to 90 per cent of the total population. All around is suffering from disease, especially among the poorer classes, where there is malnutrition and ignorance of sanitation. These people have no knowledge of adequate medical care.

The Birthplace of Our Faith

We are indebted to the Near East because it is the birthplace of our Christian faith. In fact, the three great monotheistic faiths of the world began here—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Today Jews and Christians are found in almost every country in the Near East, though at least 85 per cent of the people in the area are Muslims.

Along with the Muslim mosque and the Jewish synagogue in the Near East is the Christian church. It has a wide variety of names, doctrines, and forms of worship, but the Christian church is alert to the needs of the people.

Many exciting projects are being carried out. The publication of Christian literature is a great factor in reaching many for Christ. Agricultural missionaries are sowing the seeds of the Gospel as they plant crops.

Education from primary school through the university has been one of the top concerns of Christian missions in the Near East. There are now six American colleges and one university in the Near East College Association. There are about forty Evangelical church-related hospitals in this area.

Church World Service is doing a wonderful piece of work in helping the needy and the distressed. The American Bible Society and the British Foreign Bible Society labor together in bringing the Scriptures to men and women in the Near East.

The leader might touch on the spirit of nationalism now sweeping these lands, the Arab-Israeli dispute, the influence of the Western world in Middle Eastern life, and the improvement programs that are now being carried on.

First Speaker

The wonder of God's forgiveness! "The longer I live," said Rainy, "the more important and wonderful does the forgiveness of sins seem to me." What a message to take to those who know not the Christ of God! Jesus Christ died to put away sin. There is forgiveness for all who desire it.

Second Speaker

Nothing less than united Protestantism is capable of facing these world tasks and solving these world problems. We need a spiritual church. The heart of man is deceitful and desperately wicked. This condition can only be changed through the spiritual work of the Church of Christ.

Third Speaker

We ought never think of missions as some dull, ecclesiastical project. Missions mean that we have something too good to keep. Can there be anything more worthwhile than to go to the regions beyond with the glorious Gospel of the Son of God? It is the power of God unto salvation.

Leader's Summary

The "other sheep" of which Jesus spoke have been sought out in many lands. We as His followers cannot remain idle in the light of this great responsibility. "Go and tell."

Our Aim

We ought to do all in our power to get better acquainted with the full missionary program of our denomination.

Life Problem

Jim has no feeling for the people of the Near East. "Missions" is not found in his vocabulary. How can we interest Jim in the people of the Near East?

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. Are we making progress in taking the Gospel to all the world in terms of world population?
2. Does Christianity seem to be more or less effective than other world religions in winning new converts?
3. How many church members does it take to support one missionary on the field?
4. Are there any large areas today which are completely without missionary activity?
5. How much does the average Protestant church member give for missions?

From the Book of Books

M., Oct. 6. For All People. Isaiah 56:6-8.
T., Oct. 7. All the Ends of the World. Psalm 22:25-31.
W., Oct. 8. Ordained As Missionaries. Acts 13:1-5.
T., Oct. 9. Early Missionary Work. Luke 9:1,2,6.
F., Oct. 10. The Sower's Field. Matthew 13:36-43.
S., Oct. 11. The Ministry of Reconciliation. II Corinthians 5:17-21.
Sun., Oct. 12. Topic—The Near East. Acts 1:8.

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Christ—My Example

No. 2 in a Series: "Christ—My All"

Philippians 2:1-13

Intermediate (12-14 Years) *OCTOBER 12*

Comments by Charles O. Heyward

Purpose of the Meeting

To teach us the lesson of humility and obedience given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ, so that He can work in our lives to glorify Himself.

For the Leader

The Scripture passage for this topic contains a brief review of who Jesus Christ is and what He has done to redeem us. It is one of the many real "gems" of God's Word. Pray much for this meeting, that you and all the members might see and understand the beauty and wonder of this passage.

Place a sign in the front of the room with the words "Christ's Example" neatly printed on it. Make the "C" and the "E" very large, to suggest that true Christian Endeavorers must faithfully follow His Example. Underneath, print the reference, "Philippians 2:5."

Plan the meeting well ahead of time. Ask your pastor or counsellor for help in understanding difficult parts of the Scripture passage.

Leader's Introduction

How real to us is Jesus? Is He just a wonderful Person whom we read about in the Bible, or do we really know Him this evening as One who came down from the glory of heaven to die in our place on a cross and who lives again to be our perfect Example and Pattern for our lives? If He is our Saviour, then He is also our Example. In this meeting we want to receive a clearer picture of who Christ is and what He has done, and also learn how we can follow His Example in our lives from day to day.

Discussion

Leader: As we look at these first 13 verses of Philippians 2, we see that there are certain important qualities that all Christians should have. The first is oneness of spirit.

First Speaker: *(Read verses 1 and 2 aloud.)* Paul asked the Christians at Philippi, if they had any fellowship in the Spirit or any compassion, to make his joy full by having love one for another and by being of one accord. We need this oneness of spirit in many churches today where there is quarreling and sharp disagreement. This does not mean that God expects us to all think alike, but when we differ we should do it in love and understanding, and always seek to please the Lord.

Leader: The second quality Paul writes about is humility.

Second Speaker: *(Read verse 3.)* One of the greatest weaknesses of human nature is pride, or vanity. We like to show off our abilities, our new clothes or our new family car. But God's Word tells us here that we should be lowly, or humble, of mind, and look upon others as being better than we are. The star halfback on the football team, if he is a Christian, should be praising the other players, and even those on the opposing team, and seek no glory for himself.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service
Opening Scripture: Romans 12:1
Choruses, closing with Hymn: **Are Ye Able, Said the Master**
Announcements
Scripture: Philippians 2:1-13
Offering
Hymn: **Blessed Assurance**
Leader's Introduction
Discussion
Prayer Time
Hymn: **Where He Leads Me**
Benediction

Leader: We are also told to be unselfish.

Third Speaker: *(Read verse 4.)* Closely related to the trait of being humble is unselfishness. Our "old nature," which is the self-nature that we were born with, i always looking out for our interests, but when Christ comes into our lives, the "new nature" that He gives us begins to look out for the interests of others. When He has His way, we will think of others before self.

Leader: We must let the mind of Christ do our thinking for us.

Fourth Speaker: *(Read verse 5.)* We are commanded in Romans 12:2 to "be transformed by the renewing of your mind." This new mind is the mind of Christ which He shares with us when we receive Him. Then we are able to follow Him as our perfect Example. In the next few verses we read of the way in which our perfect Example humbled Himself, and because of His humility and obedience, was then exalted.

1. *(Verse 6)* Christ was in the form of God. He did not begin to exist at Bethlehem, but "was in the beginning with God," as we are told in John 1:2. He has always been equal with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, and had a part in the creation (John 1:3).

2. *(Verse 7a)* Christ willingly emptied Himself, or stripped Himself, of all His heavenly glory when He allowed Himself to be born as a babe in Bethlehem. Someone has said that He humbled Himself more than if one of us were to willingly become an ant or some other insect.

3. *(Verse 7b)* He even went so far as to become a servant, which in Bible times meant a slave.

4. *(Verse 7c)* Leaving His glorified state, He took on the form of a man, suffering hunger, thirst, fatigue and all the othe things that happen to us in this life.

5. *(Verse 8)* In the Garden of Getl semane, the Lord Jesus made the terrib decision: "Not My will but Thine be done which meant that He was to be mocke spit upon, lashed with thongs, and finall nailed to a cross to die a criminal's deat —taking our sins, and the punishment fo them, upon Himself.

6. *(Verse 9)* Because Jesus was obedien unto death, and because He finished H great work of redeeming mankind, H Father has exalted Him and honored Hi above all creation. His name is above a other names.

7. *(Verses 10 and 11)* The day will com when all men will recognize Christ as th Lord of all creation and will bow befor Him. But for many, who rejected Him i this life, it will be too late. We shoul be thankful this evening, if we know Hi already as our Saviour and Lord, becaus we shall be among the redeemed when w bow before Him.

Leader: We have made a brief review o all that Jesus Christ has done to accomp lish His work of redemption and in becon ing our great Example. He also has mor work to do—through us.

Fifth Speaker: *(Read Verses 12 and 13* God has given us salvation. What are w going to do with it? Paul commands us t use it by doing the work that He has give each one of us to do with fear (of failure and trembling (with eagerness). But Pau also reminds us that this work cannot b done by our own strengthen and wisdon but that it must be God working in us using us to do His perfect will in our lives

Leader's Summary

Let us "tie together" this evening's stud and review the important things that w have learned. (Other points can be adde that are not mentioned here.)

1. If the world is to be convinced tha the Christian life really works, the Christians must be united together in spiri putting others ahead of themselves an having love one for another.

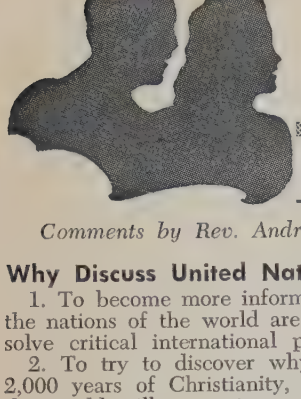
2. After saving us, Jesus Christ did no leave us without a pattern to follow. Whe we receive Him we also receive His mind which gives us the power to follow Hi perfect Example. Some non-Christians be lieve they can become Christians by imitat ing Jesus, but without Him in their heart and without having the mind of Christ that is impossible.

3. When Christ came down from Hi glory to become a Man and die on cross, He humbled Himself more than w can ever understand. This should keep u from ever being proud of ourselves, an should make us humble before others a we look at His Example.

4. God exalted His Son because H humbled Himself. If we humble ourselve before Him, He will exalt us also, workin in our lives by bringing others to Chris through us (Read James 4:6,10).

Bible Portions

M., Oct. 6. The Example of Forgiveness. Colossians 3:12-15.
T., Oct. 7. The Example of Sacrificial Love. I John 3:16,17.
W., Oct. 8. The Example of Humble Service. John 13:4-15.
T., Oct. 9. The Example of Humility. Matthew 11:28-30.
F., Oct. 10. The Example of Suffering. I Peter 2:21-23.
S., Oct. 11. The Mind of Christ. I Peter 4:1,2.
Sun., Oct. 12. Topic — Christ — My Example. Philippians 2:1-13.



World-Wide Ideas

Acts 17:26 (KJV); Micah 4:3-5; Micah 6:8
(United Nations Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *OCTOBER 19*

*Comments by Rev. Andrew White**

Why Discuss United Nations?

1. To become more informed as to what the nations of the world are now doing to solve critical international problems.

2. To try to discover why, after nearly 2,000 years of Christianity, the nations of the world still resort to war to settle disputes.

3. To encourage individual Christians to become actively interested in the social, economic, and political welfare of people everywhere.

Basis for Discussion

There are a number of organizations set up by United Nations for the definite promotion of international cooperation and the exchange of ideas in specific areas. Select some of these organizations for special study and make definite assignments to members and invited consultants. Organizations that are in the news fairly regularly are: (ILO) International Labor Organization, (WHO) World Health Organization, (IRO) International Refugee Organization, (UNESCO) United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Suggested Resources for the Leader

Enthusiastic and informed leadership is the key to enriching sessions. This session can quickly become very dry because of the lack of popular interest in the topic. Not too many people are informed about United Nations; therefore, they don't have opinions to express. This places great responsibility upon the leader.

Any good up-to-date encyclopedia will give an abundance of general information. *Information Please Almanac*, 1958 edition, in the section on specialized agencies, gives the purpose and date of organization of each agency. *World Almanac for 1957* gives the full charter. Selected portions should be read for this meeting. Current magazines and newspapers will tell you what the U.N. is doing today.

Things To Do in Advance

Write to United Nations Headquarters, New York, New York, and ask for some information leaflets and posters. It may be possible to get these items locally. Inquire at your public library. Persons with special assignments should have these leaflets in sufficient time to get an overall acquaintance with the structure of U.N.

Invite a teacher of history and a teacher of political science to be consultants. Place the U.N. posters in conspicuous places. Make a special announcement through the church bulletin or through the regular announcement channel of your church. Careless planning and haphazard promotion mean a poor meeting and poor attendance.

Program Outline

Get-Acquainted and Fellowship Period
Pre-Prayer Service
Group Singing
Hymn of Praise: *O Worship the King*
Prayer
Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:6-13,17-19
Hymn: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
Discussion of Topic
Hymn: *Rise Up, O Men of God*
Offering
Announcements
Closing Meditation
Benediction

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The U.N. as a Whole

The United Nations is an international organization made up of 81 nations of the world who mutually agree to collaborate on matters that are of prime interest to each nation individually, and to the peace of the world as a whole. The U.N. is not an authoritative power or a super-state but is an agency for the all-important and vital organized collaboration which sovereign states need in the interest of the maintenance of peace.

United Nations was organized on October 24, 1945, at San Francisco, California, when the delegates of 29 nations ratified the charter. Upon the signing of this document these nations declared to the world that they were willing to maintain the peace of the world through voluntary conferences and mutually helpful organizations.

The Birth of an Idea

United Nations became a formal permanent organization on October 24, 1945, but it was in the making long before that date. The thoughtful statesmen of the world had become interested in the postwar problems as they affected the entire world, and particularly the smaller nations. They began working together on special problems and slowly there came into being a series of international organizations to deal with specific mutually important international issues. The charter which governs the U.N. is the result of long deliberation and negotiation in which both large and small nations participated.

The General Assembly

One of the exceedingly fine features about the U.N. is that the smaller nations may participate freely in all of the decisions affecting world peace. Each nation, small and large alike, has up to five representatives and five alternates at the sessions of the Assembly.

The General Assembly may discuss any matter within the scope of the charter.

Help from the Scripture

M., Oct. 13. Impartial Blessings. Isaiah 61:10,11.
T., Oct. 14. "In Every Nation." Acts 10:30-35.
W., Oct. 15. The Healing of Nations. Revelation 22:1-4.
T., Oct. 16. World-Wide Worship. Psalm 22:27,28.
F., Oct. 17. The Ends of the Earth. Isaiah 52:7-10.
S., Oct. 18. No Nationalism with God. Romans 10:11-13.
Sun., Oct. 19. Topic—World-Wide Ideas. Acts 17:26 (KJV); Micah 4:3-5; Micah 6:8. (United Nations Sunday)

Speeches are translated into English, French, Russian, Chinese, and Spanish, the five official languages of the organization.

Aims of United Nations

The specific aims as stated in the charter are the following:

1. To maintain peace by peaceful settlement of international disputes, and by suppressing aggression.

2. To foster friendly relations among nations based on the principles of self-determination and of equal rights.

3. To achieve international cooperation in solving international economic, social, and cultural problems and to promote respect for human rights and for the fundamental freedoms.

4. To be a center for harmonizing the actions of nations in the achievement of these common ends.

Law and Order

The U.N. has supported the practical idea that unless the nations of the world submit to a rule of law and order reinforced by the spirit of respect and confidence for each other, anarchy, war and destruction will be the eventual lot of each nation, large or small.

Discuss the practical value of individuals being completely committed to upholding the law and thus maintaining order. Cite specific incidents in which strife could have been avoided if those involved had obeyed not only the man-made laws, but the moral law as well.

From a Christian Viewpoint

Christian youth must remember that United Nations is a world assembly composed of member nations from around the globe—it is not a Christian organization. There is no mention of God in the United Nations Charter.

How, then, does the consideration of the United Nations fit into the total Christian Endeavor program? (Consider Christian citizenship emphases. See *A Vital Program for Youth.*)

Dr. Walter H. Judd, United States Congressman from Minnesota and the recipient of International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation at the International Christian Endeavor Convention in 1955, said in a recent article, speaking of government agencies, "They administer, but rarely do they minister. This has to come through persons who go not because our government sends them, but because they care about human beings who are in need and who are also God's children."

Would this statement also apply to United Nations organizations? Do you think it is worth while to pour funds into the U.N.? (Consider specific areas where U.N. is carrying on programs of economic and social improvement.)

In this same article, Dr. Judd also said, "It is the Christian church and Christian people that must be the leaven working in the world to change its character and to transform it." Discuss this statement in relation to United Nations.

Christ—My Goal

No. 3 in a Series: "Christ—My All"

Philippians 3:1-14

Intermediate (12-14 Years) *OCTOBER 19*

Comments by Charles O. Heyward

Aim of the Meeting

To present Christ as the only One who can give a real purpose to our lives, and to show that men's standards of success are nothing when compared with Him.

For the Leader

You will notice that all but the first three verses of this lesson from Philippians are written in the first person singular. It is a brief autobiography of Paul and his own personal testimony for Christ. Paul's relationship to Christ should be the inspiration for this meeting. To illustrate the Christian's goal, place a picture of football goalposts at the front of the room. On a separate piece of paper print the name "Christ" and have this ready to fasten to the crossbar later in the meeting.

Publicity

A poster with the words, "Learn how to win the game of life" might be used, with goalposts in the background. Include the date and time of the meeting. If possible make little invitations with a football theme to present to each Intermediate in Sunday school.

Leader's Introduction

One way to gain inspiration for our own lives is to study the lives of great Christians. Possibly the greatest Christian who ever lived was the Apostle Paul. This evening we are going to look at a few of the main points of Paul's life story and then see what these had to do with his greatness as a Christian. First, let us consider the reasons why Paul should have had confidence in himself, according to human standards.

First Speaker

As we see in verse 5, though Paul was born and raised in the Greek city of Tarsus, under the Roman government, he was taught to be very proud of his Jewish birth. His parents obeyed the Jewish law in every respect, and he was taught to obey the law also.

Second Speaker

Not only did Paul have a right to boast of being of the stock of Israel—a Jew—but he was a member of the most honorable tribe, the faithful tribe of Benjamin. Saul, the first king of Israel, was also a Benjaminite, and Paul's Jewish name Saul was in honor of him. As a Benjaminite, Paul had further reason to be proud.

Third Speaker

Paul was also a Pharisee and the son of a Pharisee (Acts 23:6). The Pharisees might be called the "conservative party" of the Jews, believing in such traditional teachings of the Jews as life after death, angels and keeping of the law. They were very religious and very strict. Gamaliel, who was Paul's teacher, was also a Pharisee, and Paul had been very proud that he too was a member of this zealous group of Jews.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service
Opening Scripture: Psalm 34:8
Hymns: **He Keeps Me Singing; Now I Belong to Jesus**
Announcements by the President
Scripture: Philippians 3:1-14 (read responsively)
Offering and Special Music
Prayer Time
Hymn: **Stand Up for Jesus**
Leader's Introduction
Discussion
Hymn: **My Jesus, I Love Thee**
Benediction

Fourth Speaker

A Pharisee, such as Paul was, sincerely believed that the followers of Christ were the enemies of God. The ones who hated the church and persecuted it, therefore, thought they had the most zeal for God. Paul was one of the leaders of this group and had been proud of his love for God as he thought, in being a persecutor of the church of Christ (Acts 9:1).

Fifth Speaker

As a Pharisee, Paul had kept the Jewish law carefully, and therefore believed that he was "blameless" before God. He had been trusting in his good works which, he believed, made him righteous. This "righteousness" was another reason for which he boasted.

Sixth Speaker

But then something happened to Paul. As we read in the 9th chapter of Acts, Christ had made him do an "about face." Paul began to do just the opposite of what he had been doing, loving and serving the very ones he had been persecuting, because their Lord had become his Lord too, and he had been born again— made new— by faith in Him. Later he wrote to the Corinthians, "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17). Paul knew this was true, for he had experienced it himself, and now he was writing to the Philippians that "the things that were gain to me I counted as loss for Christ."

Life Situation

Wayne Smith lives out in the Forest Hills section of town. His father is a direct descendant of one of the settlers of Massachusetts and his mother descended from John Adams. His parents contributed the beautiful rose window in First Church in memory of his grandparents who were charter members. They pay a high rent for their family pew. Wayne somehow makes sure that his friends know all these things. Betty Clark, in Wayne's class at school, lives down on Jones Court with her parents, both of whom work to keep the family of eight fed and clothed. Her father was raised in an orphanage. On Sunday morning and evening, and on prayer meeting night, the family may be seen headed for the little frame church on 4th Street, where all the family are active. Betty also has a children's Bible class at the Neighborhood Center on Wednesday afternoons, and the children love her.

Between Wayne and Betty, who has the greatest need? Would Betty want to change places with Wayne? Why? In what ways does Wayne fit into Philippians 3:5? How would the 8th verse apply more to Betty? Of what should we boast, if we are Christians?

The Goal

In verses 12 to 14, Paul is probably thinking of a runner in a track meet as an illustration of the Christian in the race of life. We can also use a modern game of football to illustrate this important lesson. Paul has come to know Christ and is now playing on His team in the game of life. Before this, he had played on the opposing team, and even since playing on Christ's team he has made some mistakes in the game and has been thrown for some losses. But his divine Coach has a plan in which He needs Paul to make the touchdown that is needed to win the game. He has *laid hold on* (apprehended) Paul and sent him into the game to *lay hold on* the goal line. Thrilled because of his chance to be used by his Coach, Paul goes into the game. Forgetting mistakes and failures of the past and thinking only of the opportunity ahead, he presses forward toward the goal. And what is the goal? God's high calling in Christ! (If you are using the picture of the goalposts, attach the printed name of *Christ* to the crossbar.)

We Junior Highs today, if we have accepted Christ, have also been laid hold on by Christ to win the game for Him. The one great goal of life is Christ, in all His fullness, love and power, and it is wonderful to know that He is also our Coach to help us reach that goal. When we keep our eyes on Him, everything else in life becomes dim and unimportant—it becomes loss, that we may win Christ. This evening let us forget the sins of the past, our failures in playing the game for Him, and press toward the goal that He has set before us, letting Him as our divine Coach call the plays and doing His will every day.

(Have a period of silent prayer before the closing hymn.)

Quiet Hour Readings

M., Oct. 13. The Goal of Life. I John 5:11-13.
T., Oct. 14. The Goal of Righteousness. I Corinthians 1:26-31.
W., Oct. 15. The Goal of Calling. II Peter 1:10-12.
T., Oct. 16. The Goal of Freedom. John 8:32,34-36.
F., Oct. 17. The Goal of Unity. Ephesians 4:10-16.
S., Oct. 18. Christ, My All. Colossians 3:1-4.
Sun., Oct. 19. Topic—Christ—My Goal. Philippians 3:1-14.

Love—a More Excellent Way

John 3:16; I John 4:7-21

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *OCTOBER*

*Comments by Rev. J. Wesley Siebert**

Our Aim

After an examination of ourselves, a specific area of our contemporary world, and then a look at the problems of the world-wide scene, we want now to seek an understanding of God's answer to the questions we have raised.

For Discussion

1. Do you agree that the basic sickness of our world is sin?
2. What is God's remedy?
3. Is God's solution adequate?
4. When we accept God's way, what are the implications for ourselves?

Program Suggestions

Hymns: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, I Would Be Like Jesus, The Love of God*

Scripture Lesson: John 3:16; I John 4:7-21

Call to Worship:

"Four things a man must do,
If he would keep his record true;
To think without confusion clearly;
To love his fellow men sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and heaven securely."

Roll Call: Have members respond by suggesting some area of human relationships where we can show or demonstrate our Christian love.

For the Leader

G. Campbell Morgan, the eminent Bible expositor, once said that he never had the courage to preach on a text of such magnitude as John 3:16, that he could only stand in awe before it. Nevertheless, we want to examine this best-loved passage in the Bible and catch some of its implications for young people today.

As we have looked at ourselves and our world in recent weeks we have, no doubt, become aware of the fact of sin which is a violation of the Divine Law. In the face of such transgression, God could very simply have turned over His hand upon the wicked race and sent them all down to hell.

But that was not His way. God loved—He loved so much, that He gave. He gave His Son to make atonement. This was not a last minute thought after Jesus had lived on earth for more than 30 years, for God's love was already revealed in Bethlehem and the manger was the first step towards Calvary.

God's Great Gift

For whom was this great gift made? "God so loved *the world.*" If God had intended His gift for any certain nation, the people of any particular color of skin, it would have been clearly indicated. God's love is "all inclusive" or "universal," but not universal, regardless. All men have a right to it. It is open to everyone who will embrace it, but it is not forced upon anyone. God's love expressed in Jesus Christ must be received by faith.

We can never be content with a mere docile acceptance of that great gift. Whenever we are recipients of any gift, it places on us a responsibility. As the recipients of God's greatest gift, we surely feel a sense of obligation and responsibility.

Love Demands . . .

In I John 4:11 we read: "If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." Sir Isaac Watts expressed that feeling when he wrote:

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

If we remember as we go through life that "love so amazing, so divine, *demands* —," we will discover that it will determine the nature of our life—whether we live a self-seeking life or one that has been dedicated to the will and purpose of God. It will spell out the difference between success and failure, victory or defeat, a meaningless and mediocre life and one that is the record of fine adventure and achievement.

May our response to God's love be not merely one of "duty." It is true that a sense of duty will make us do many fine things, but love will make us do them much better. The experience of God's love should carry us far beyond mere duty.

In its depths, the Christian life is like music, friendship, and family. It is a realm in which a man ought to say, not how little, but how much? We ought never to lose the sense of sacredness in all of life. When we accept life with that meaning, then simply doing one's duty will not satisfy. A horse can do his duty. So can a dog, and so do men. But men are capable of so much more.

Love's Better Way

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick used to tell of walking into the chancel of the Riverside Cathedral in New York while it was under construction and noticing a piece of carving that was exceptionally well-done. He expressed his appreciation to the workman.

The woodcarver gave this reply, "You need not thank me. You can never know what it means to me to have a chance to do my work this way. Generally I am t to hurry up with the job and that i good enough, but here I have a ch to do my work as beautifully as it can done. No one can tell what that mean me."

Here is something that goes "beyond line of duty." It is love's better way.

We can never understand Jesus with that. Life was sacred to Him and it sh be so to us. Life is a trust and we m not abuse it, waste it, desecrate it, or th it away. It is to be used as carefully skillfully as possible.

In a world suffering from so m brutality, where there is so much mis and need, where men's minds have b saddened, and where the souls of so m men have been enslaved, surely, for Chr sake, we are moved to dedication—mo with the desire, in the name of our L to do something to relieve them and set them free.

Now Is the Time

In many churches there is the grow custom of expressing sympathy at a of bereavement with a contribution to s missionary project in memory of the parted. This is a commendable trend, a florist who does not approve of custom said that he did not intend wai until he was dead to do his missio work.

In similar vein, a rich man complaine his minister, "Why is it that everybod always criticising me for being mis when they all know that I have made vision to leave everything I possess charity when I die." "Well," replied minister, "let me tell a story about a and a cow. The pig was lamenting his of popularity. He complained to the that people were always talking about cow's gentleness and kind eyes, whe his name was used as an insult. The admitted that the cow gave milk cream, but maintained that pigs give m "Why," the animal complained, "we give bacon and ham and bristles and pe even pickle our feet. I don't see why cows are esteemed so much more." cow thought for a moment and said ger "Maybe it's because we give while we still living."

Closing Challenge

Will you not then look out at world again, look into the eyes of m listen to their sighs and groans, t "sheep without a shepherd," Then look His face, at His wounds, into His hear love and surely you will be swept to foot of the cross, there to prostrate your "Did ere such love and sorrow meet?" never! By faith accept the sacrifice He made for you. Claim it for yourself, an the joy of your salvation dedicate you to Him and to His service. "God so lo the world." "Love so amazing, so divi will call forth your love in joyous com ment and helpful service.

For Daily Meditation

M., Oct. 20. Love Thy God. Deuteronomy 6:5.
T., Oct. 21. Love Thy Neighbor. Mark 12:31.
W., Oct. 22. Love Thine Enemy. Matthew 5:44.
T., Oct. 23. Love by God. I John 3:1.
F., Oct. 24. The Greatest Love of All. I John 15:13.
S., Oct. 25. How God Loves Us. Romans 5:6-8.
Sun., Oct. 26. Topic—Love—a More Excellent Way. John 3:16; I John 4:7-21.

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Christ—My Hope

No. 4 in a Series: "Christ—My All"

Philippians 3:20-4:7

ntermediate (12-14 Years) *OCTOBER 26*

Comments by Charles O. Heyward

Aim of the Meeting

To teach us to remember each day that Christ is coming again, and to let this wonderful truth make us victorious in every situation in life.

For the Leader

This meeting should be the climax of this series on the book of Philippians because it will consider the Christian life in the light of the future—the glorious return of Jesus Christ. Know your material, and have everyone else who takes part be well prepared, so that nothing in the meeting will have to be read except the Scripture. If you can obtain a picture of the Ascension of Christ, place this in the front of the room, for we are told in Acts 1:11 that He will come again in the same way that He ascended into Heaven.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service. Center the praying around the promise of John 14:2,3, asking that it will become very real to each one in the meeting. Pray for each one who takes part.
Prelude
Opening Scripture: Psalm 24:9,10
Song Service: *Sunshine in the Soul, If Your Heart Keeps Right, He Keeps Me Singing*
Scripture: Philippians 3:20-4:7
Prayers (mention definite requests)
Special Music
Offering
Announcements by President
Hymn: *Now I Belong to Jesus*
Leader's Talk
Discussion
Poem
Closing Hymn: *Jesus Never Fails*
Benediction: Psalm 19:14

Leader's Talk

The greatest events in the history of the world are the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The one great event still to happen is His coming again. In the Scripture passage for our last meeting, Paul wrote about knowing the power of Christ's resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, and the effect these had on his life. In this evening's Scripture passage, Paul challenges us to look toward heaven, because that is where the Christian's permanent home is and it is from there that Christ will return. Let us discuss this passage now and see what we can gain from it as Christian young people.

First Speaker

The 20th verse, according to scholars, is difficult to translate from Greek into English, but Paul is trying to tell us that the Christian's "homeland" is really heaven and that Christians actually are a "colony" of heaven on earth. The Christian should be thinking of heaven, not only because it is his eternal home, but because it is from there that the Lord Jesus will return and will change our lowly bodies to look like His glorious body. *(For a more detailed account of this event, see I Thessalonians 4:16,17.)*

Second Speaker

This great coming event should have a real effect on our lives, as we read in I John 3:2,3 *(read these verses).* When we realize that Christ is coming again to make us, like Himself, and that we shall see Him in all His glory, it causes us to want to purify our lives. We become more conscious of sins, and look to Jesus for help to overcome them.

Third Speaker

(Read Philippians 4:1.) Would Paul have loved us as much as he loved the Christians at Philippi? Are we so faithful to the Lord that he would call us his joy and crown, and his dearly beloved? It is hard for us to stand up for Jesus today, especially at school, where there are temptations to "go along with the crowd," but it was even harder to stand up for Him in Philippi, which was a wicked, heathen city under the Roman government.

Fourth Speaker

(Read Philippians 4:2,3.) These verses show that there was one problem in the church at Philippi which many churches have today, and that was division among its members. Two ladies were in disagreement, and another fellow-worker had to be told to be helpful in spirit. Paul reminds us that when we think of our oneness in Christ, and that our names are all listed together in His book of life, we will be together in spirit as we work for Him in the church.

Fifth Speaker

(Read Philippians 4:4,5.) The thought of Jesus Christ should always bring joy to our hearts. The Philippian Christians were surrounded by wickedness, and faced persecution every day, yet Paul reminded them that they should always rejoice. Pleasure and happiness depend upon the conditions around us, but joy is a feeling down in our hearts that we should *always* have if we have Christ as our Saviour. Then Paul reminds us again that as we think of the Lord's return we should take our stand before men, and show the world what a change He makes in our lives.

Messages from the Bible

M., Oct. 20. The Soul's Sure Anchor. Hebrews 6:18,19.
T., Oct. 21. Assurance of Immortality. Acts 24:14-16.
W., Oct. 22. Anticipates Christ's Return. Titus 2:11-14.
T., Oct. 23. Grounded in the Resurrection. I Peter 1:3-5.
F., Oct. 24. A Purifying Hope. I John 3:1-3.
S., Oct. 25. A Reasonable Hope. I Peter 3:13-15.
Sun., Oct. 26. Topic—Christ—My Hope. Philippians 3:20-4:7.

Sixth Speaker

(Read Philippians 4:6,7.) Almost everyone today has something to worry about. Most of the news in the papers is bad. Our parents may wonder how they are going to pay all the bills. A loved one may be seriously ill, or has lost his job. And we always have tests at school to worry about. But Paul says, "Do not worry about anything," and tells us how to keep from worrying—by telling the Lord about our need, always remembering to thank Him for all that He does for us. This will bring peace to our minds and hearts that will make all worry to cease. The greater our problem is, the harder we should lean on the Lord, but when we worry we grieve Him because we are not completely trusting Him to take care of our problem.

A True Life-Situation

In an east coast city last Christmas time a Christian worker had not received his salary for several months. There was no bread and only a little milk in the house for his three small children, and some bills had to be paid very soon. They had a family prayer meeting to tell the Lord about it, and five-year-old Dickie prayed first. That evening a friend visited them and left a five-dollar bill which they found the next day. Early the next morning Dickie went with his mother to answer the doorbell and the milkman told them that "Santa Claus" (who was really a friend of the family) had ordered two quarts to be delivered there each day. Dickie's mother said, "It was not Santa Claus, it was the Lord." A few days later a salary check came in the mail.

What did this family do in obedience to verse 6? Suppose they had called on friends for help. What wonderful lesson would little Dickie have missed? Would they have had the real peace of God promised in verse 7 if they had asked friends for help? When they prayed, do you suppose they just said, "Lord, bless our family"? How do you suppose they did pray? Does God want us to go into detail when we pray? (The answer is again in verse 6.) This family had three definite needs. How was each need supplied? What opportunity did Dickie's mother have to witness for Christ?

For Further Discussion

There are times at school when we have opportunity to "stand fast in the Lord," or take a firm stand for Jesus. What situations might these be? Which should come first, standing for Jesus with our lips or with our conduct? What do we need to do each morning to help us stand up for Jesus during the day? What wonderful thought should encourage us when we feel downhearted or feel that everyone is against us *(Philippians 3:20)*?

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Community To Be Served!

—With Young Adults—

LIKE other forms of Christian service, the good works of the church and its volunteers in community and neighborhood will be a cheerful, desired outpouring of faith for useful ends Service is not to be given in this area or elsewhere because a "church program" or an "activities chart" gives the signals. There is a need to be met and a church-related group can best meet that need!

We shall bring into the tasks Spirit-enlightened interest and concern, rooted in (1) perception of Christ's continuing ministry to all men, (2) knowledge of what He sought to do in reaching and helping those in need, (3) devotional strengthening, including personal and group prayers for strength and guidance, and (4) good planning in the church volunteers group. Then will our united service be intelligent, tactful, humble, unselfish, infused with the Holy Spirit.

Notice how Christ taught His followers to work *according to plan.* Read in Matthew 10 and Luke 10 how this new and different mission to the people was to be conducted. "Do this," "say that"—the instructions were explicit. This was planned service.

The pattern for unselfish helpfulness having now been long established, much of a typical Christian's service in a community is of an individual type. George is trustee of a hospital, a team captain in community fund-raising, a Boy Scout neighborhood commissioner. His wife makes cancer dressings, serves as a Cub Scout den mother, is a volunteer swimming instructor of handicapped children. The church might claim credit for a host of such services, since the spirit and perhaps some part of the skill here employed flowed from Christian teachings and examples. Children now growing up in our Sunday schools and in the families of the church can be made aware of the need for such workers and for "getting ready" in spirit and in skills to engage in community service.

And beyond that, an effective church helps point out the tasks and helps recruit persons to augment the community-serving forces. When a church's recreation program includes two parties a year for the less-chance children of the neighborhood, this concern for a group in need of friendship and help will direct some individuals to accept duties with a Neighborhood House program, a boys' club, and Children's Aid projects—not directly related to the church but extending Christian influence and example.

A further step is for leaders in the church to aid the minister with a "want list." Let us maintain a record of possible (and needed) types of individual service to the community, considering that the field embraces work the church does directly and that which other useful agencies of the community perform.

The needs in urban and semi-urban areas usually include services to:

1. Sick and aged. Frequent calling by cheery and considerate church people, and perhaps by two visitors who come together, will be planned. A church committee works with physicians, nurses, hospitals and convalescent homes to find those who most need such calls. Flowers, a few delicacies and other modest gifts can be financed through a Young Adult committee or unit. Decorations or favors for hospital trays are added in the Christmas season and on other occasions.

2. City missions. A group from a local church may accept responsibility for conducting a week-night or a Sunday afternoon service. A committee or individuals might aid the director to arrange for employment of transient workers who come to the mission for shelter or other help. Furniture or equipment could be made available.

3. Jails and detention homes. Is a religious service provided each week—and if so, are helpers or substitute participants needed? Can a library be established or improved? Will there be volunteers to write letters and provide a few other services?

4. Labor unions. In some communities, churches help staff or provide meeting places for study classes composed of shop stewards and rank-and-file members. Relief measures for the families of striking workers will sometimes seem appropriate. Individual ministers and laymen of the church are often more active and influential in their relations with labor than are churches and their organizations. Consult these individuals to see what *groups* can do to help improve the church's contacts and work in this field.

5. Emergency relief. Following a community disaster, a church-sponsored project of relief and rehabilitation would be particularly helpful. But there are family-size disasters almost any day! Warm meals, shelter, emergency supplies will help; refer here to the first long paragraph in column two of this page in the May, 1958, WORLD. —*B. H. D.*

COMING: A number of suggestions on the significance and possibilities of Young Adults' Committees.

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Proverbs 3:13; 15:14a; II Peter 1:5-

Sept. 14. Ready!
Ephesians 6:11-

Sept. 21. Get Set!
Romans 12

Sept. 28. Go!
Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 8

Topics for OCTOBER

Oct. 5. We Pray for Others.
Genesis 18:20-33; James 5:

Oct. 12. We Give Help to Others.
Acts 11:27-30; II Corinthians 9

Oct. 19. We Tell Others about Jesus.
Mark 5:1-20; Acts 1

Oct. 26. The Near East in Bible Times.
Jonah 1:1-4,15-17; 2:1,10; 3:1-
Acts 13:1-6a,13,14,44-

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SEPTEMBER
5-7—Ohio, Round Lake (Fall Conference)
12-14—Wisconsin, Green Lake
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Officers of the Mexican Christian Endeavor Union pictured here are (left to right) Dr. Ezequiel Salcedo, treasurer; Dr. Hector Alvarez G., vice-president; J. Nino Gonzalez, president; Rev. Saul Tijerina G., counselor; Hector Martinez G., secretary; and Alicia Tellez G., vice-secretary. The next convention of the Mexican Union will be held September 17-21 at Merida, Yucatan. Delegates from Guatemala, Cuba, Costa Rica, and Colombia have been invited.

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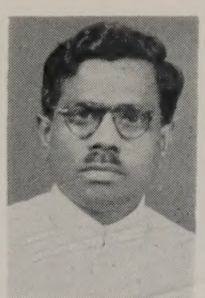
Dr. Melvin M. Forney and Rev. Richard B. Bennett were the speakers at New Jersey's fourth annual Youth Assembly Retreat, held late in May at Camp Hope. Conference leaders included Dr. Norman W. Paullin and Frances M. Becker.



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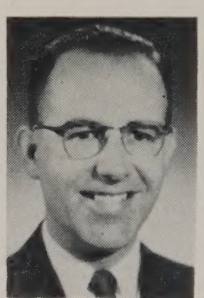

Edward J. Underhill

Mr. Underhill was re-elected president of Washington State Christian Endeavor Union at their convention in April. He is youth director of Central Presbyterian Church in Seattle. Mr. Isaac is the new traveling secretary for the India Christian Endeavor Union.

A Danforth Foundation Award and a Gates Scholarship are additional honors won by Ellen L. Heacock of Denver, Colorado, one of the 1957 winners in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest. Ellen plans to enter Central College, Pella, Iowa, in the fall.

Hubert Edmondson, president of Connecticut Union, has just recovered from a broken ankle.

Flashes from Frankfurt

Great plans for the 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Frankfurt, Germany, have been made by the Program Committee under the direction of Rev. Arno Pagel and by the local Frankfurt Committee headed by Robert Joedt. A complete report of this inspiring event will be made in the October issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. Watch for it!

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Carol E. Gates, daughter of International Society President Earle W. Gates (center), is congratulated by Marvin Sloane, newly-elected New York president, at the state convention in Albany. Chosen as "Endeavorer of the Year," Carol was also honored by being elected associate president of the Empire State. Dr. Gates installed the new officers.

Phil C. Reed, president of the Golden Rule Union, Washington, D.C., journeyed to Omaha, Nebraska, June 17-22. Here he represented his home church, First Baptist of West Washington, at the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress. In addition to his many Christian Endeavor duties, Mr. Reed serves as Sunday school superintendent at his own church.

The meditation for Saturday, July 12, in THE UPPER ROOM has been prepared by Rev. T. Henry Holloway, president of the Irish National Christian Endeavor Union.

These members of the Christian Endeavor society at Welsh Mission House in Sylhet, East Pakistan, are making big plans, according to George Biswas, secretary. The leader is Miss W. A. Thomas, pictured in the center. George is standing at the right in the last row. This society started just a few years ago. It is their plan to visit homes regularly and hold prayer meetings; also they are going out in the villages during their holidays to play evangelical records and to tell others about Christ. They work among the Muslims and are particularly in need of literature.

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